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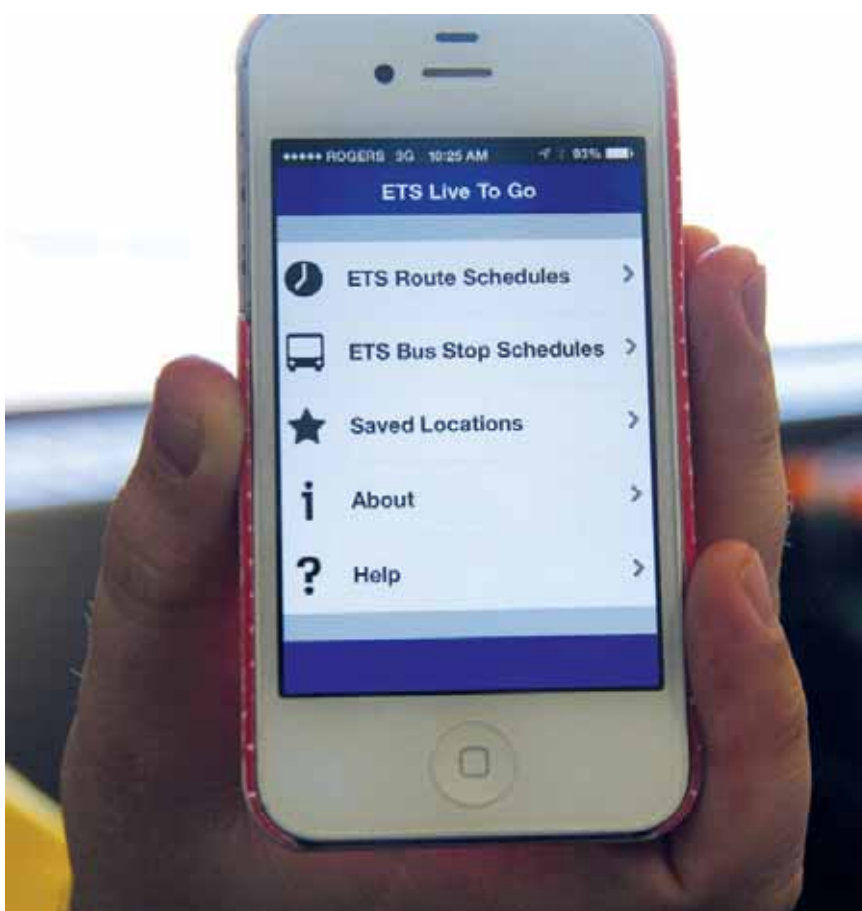
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The city's ETS Live to Go smartphone app has several features useful to transit users, including real-time bus arrivals at certain stops and route schedules. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

# Few wowed by city transit app

## Unofficial launch.

Early users say app isn't intuitive and is missing some crucial elements



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At first glance, Brendan Van Alstine of the Transit Riders Union of Edmonton considers the city's ETS Live to Go smartphone app "basic but pretty good" after its unofficial launch Thursday.

"It's neat that they rolled all of their technology into one," he said.

The city will officially launch the app, which has been in the works for seven months, on Tuesday, according to municipal officials.

With both an Android and iPhone version available for free, the application allows users to look up bus routes and bus-stop schedules.

The app's description in the Apple App Store says people can also use the app to "see real-time departures instantly" and save "your favorite bus stop."

Early users say this first version of this app is a "good start" but that the app is still missing elements crucial to transit users.

"It's not intuitive as I would like it. Someone who has never touched the app should be able to come in and figure out how I'm going to get to Point A and Point B, since that's the whole purpose of transit," said Steve Chattargoon, chair of the Digital Media and IT program at NAIT.

"After about five minutes, I was still struggling to find ... my starting point."

That experience was echoed by Van Alstine, who considered the smartphone technology a "combination of things people are already using" before they board Edmonton Transit.

The city paid a total of

## Lost in navigation

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Steve Chattargoon, chair of the Digital Media and IT program at NAIT

\$200,000 to have the app developed by Trapeze ITS (Intelligent Transportation System), which also included the development of their other transit tools — Bus-finder, Email and Ride tool and ETS Live Alerts — according to Lorna Stewart with Edmonton Transit.

ETS Alerts, though not yet available, is still being tested and "is intended to alert riders, who subscribe for specific routes and bus stops, the status of their bus in real time for Smart Bus routes and schedules for all other routes," said Stewart.

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# Catholic board must change its tune on GSAs: Trustee

## 'Not sex clubs.'

Patricia Grell prompted to investigate gay-straight alliances further after receiving deluge of complaints about board's position



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Outrage from parents and teachers has prompted one of Edmonton's Catholic School trustees to question the district's stance on gay-straight alliances.

The province's Catholic school boards have collectively agreed to hold back on encouraging students to start GSA clubs in school, opting instead to support inclusive clubs that everyone could be a part of.

But according to ECS trustee Patricia Grell, that's not fair to the district's LGBTQ students.

Grell — who admitted she was ignorant to the concept of GSAs at first — said she was prompted to investigate the issue further after receiving a deluge of complaints from district parents and teachers about the board's position.

"Appalled was the word that the majority of people used as a description," said Grell, referencing the reaction from the community about comments made by ECS board chair Debbie Engel to media about GSAs.

Grell, who recently penned a blog post about the clubs, said the district needs to reconsider their stance on GSAs to consider what's best for vulnerable students.

## Quoted

"I've been a part of (the Edmonton Catholic School district) since kindergarten and I know that the board members are really understanding. I just think that they're misguided on this issue. I think they need to trust students to know what they want."

Lauren White, St. Joseph High School student

"I ... learned that they are not sex groups or dating clubs but 'identity clubs' for students who identify as LGBTQ and their straight friends," Grell wrote on her website.

Grell said the district not only needs to change the way it thinks about GSAs, but approach the subject in a way unique to the Catholic system.

"If we were to have GSAs in our school, we certainly would have them in a Catholic perspective," she said.

St. Joseph High School student Lauren White said Grell wasn't the only one shocked to hear the district's take on GSAs.

Right after she read Engel's comments, White, 16, kicked off an online petition to lobby for GSAs in the province's Catholic schools, collecting more than 200 signatures since Friday.

"I really love the Edmonton Catholic School district," said White. "I've been a part of it since kindergarten and I know that the board members are really understanding. I just



St. Joseph High School student Lauren White has kicked off a petition to urge the city's Catholic School Board to reconsider its position on gay-straight alliances. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

think that they're misguided on this issue. I think they need to trust students to know what they want."

Identifying as straight, White said GSAs are important to better understand the LG-BTQ community.

"I still know there's more I could learn and there's more I'd like to know, but I feel like for everyone in the school community it would be beneficial," she said.

## Bill 10

Alberta's conservative government introduced Bill 10 in the fall seating that allowed for school boards to have final say on GSAs, but offered students an avenue to challenge their decision.

- After an outcry from Albertans, Premier Jim Prentice

put a hold on the bill, saying more research and dialogue needed to happen before it could receive third reading.

- Bill 10 will be brought back for third reading in the upcoming spring session.

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# Council passes budget with 5.7% property tax increase

**Big bump.** Average tax hike will be \$119, while utility bills also slated to climb by \$52 per year



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Edmontonians could expect a \$119 hike to their property taxes next year thanks to a 5.7 per cent increase approved by council Thursday night.

At the end of 11 days of budget deliberations, council passed the increase, which amounts to \$119 more a year on a home valued at \$374,500. Utility bills will also climb by \$52 per year.

The bump is larger than any council has made in the last five years, but councillors approved it unanimously saying it was simply the cost of doing business.

"We're building a city — a city that addresses growth pressures and builds for the future," said Coun. Bev Eslinger.

The total includes 1.5 per cent for the neighbourhood renewal program, 2.4 per cent to staff facilities the city will begin to operate next year and half a per cent to service new debt the city is taking on.

Coun. Scott McKeen said the increase was high and he lamented the impact it would have on those on fixed incomes, but he stood by it.

"I will go out in the next 364 days and defend this budget," he said.

The budget will also bring 89 new police officers on the job, less than what the force asked for and fund late-night transit and better snow removal.

Council also passed a four-year capital budget that will build the new valley line LRT, a dramatic facelift of the Stanley Milner Library, the

new downtown arena and a comprehensive program to improve city roads.

Coun. Bryan Anderson supported the budget, but said it can't be the new standard for tax increases, because that will simply be too much.

"If we believe this is sustainable at the end of a decade we would increase taxes by 51 per cent," he said.

Mayor Don Iveson said the budget was a reflection of Edmonton's tremendous growth and the challenges that come with it.

"We're working as best we can to keep up with growth in Canada's fastest-growing city."

## By the numbers

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The capital budget will spend \$4.3 billion on projects over the next four years, but the projects it commit to will ultimately cost the city \$6.2 billion.



Edmonton councillors listen during budget deliberations on Thursday. Council passed both the operating and capital budgets unanimously. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Edmonton Police Chief Rod Knecht  
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## Cuts to have consequences: police union

Heads of both the police union and the police commission said Thursday that services in Edmonton would suffer after city council chose not to fund additional officers for the police force.

While the EPS will add 89 new officers next year, council stopped short Wednesday of adding the additional 49 Chief Rod Knecht

had asked for.

Those additional positions included nine transit officers and 40 officers for the downtown arena district.

Sgt. Tony Simioni, head of the Edmonton Police Association, said those officers would have taken pressure off patrol members.

"Every disturbance that

they can handle, every piece of work they can do takes away from the demand on our patrol officers," he said.

Edmonton police have been dealing with record-high call volumes and consistently missing their response time targets.

Shami Sandhu, the police commission's chair, said the force simply won't

be able to deal with the current budget without making sacrifices.

"There is definitely going to have to be some cut-backs, some re-allocations from other areas," he said.

Councillors all said Monday they supported police, but want the province to step up with more cash.

Jessica Jacobs-Mino, a

spokeswoman for Alberta Justice minister Jonathan Denis, said the province heard the debate Wednesday, but didn't have answers yet.

"It's too premature at this point to talk about what we're going to be doing for the upcoming budget," he said.

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## SCTV. Statues coming along, slowly but surely

SCTV statues mounted in Edmonton are getting closer to becoming a reality as volunteers spearheading the public art project are just waiting for charitable status.

While the community members are remaining tight-lipped on the design and precise location of the statues, the project is currently waiting on approval from Revenue Canada to become a society before it can build the statues of the popular sketch comedy television show that was filmed in Edmonton from 1980 to 1982.

"If people think the project died, it didn't. The process is just slow and bureaucratic," said Steven Sandor, one of individuals helping with the project.

But when the statues, presumably of some of the characters on the show, are erected, project members say it will be a highlight of Edmonton's history that is visible.



Bob and Doug Mackenzie were popular characters on SCTV.

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"It's public art that everybody can interact with," said Sandor.

Rick Moranis, John Candy, Eugene Levy and Joe Flaherty all starred in the skit comedy that started in 1976.

Surviving cast members have already given their approval of the character statues since "their experience of Edmonton was pretty positive," added Sandor.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

## Crime. Almost \$40K US in counterfeit cash seized

Border officials seized nearly \$40,000 in counterfeit U.S. currency at the Edmonton International Airport earlier this month.

On Dec. 2, officers with the Canada Border Services Agency intercepted a magazine from Nigeria headed to an Edmonton address and found 397 \$100 bills wedged between the pages.

Closer examination of the bills revealed they were counterfeit.

The parcel has been turned over to the RCMP for further investigation. **METRO**



Border officials found the counterfeit money in between magazine pages. CONTRIBUTED



The snow budget will rise by \$2.2 million to fund school-zone snow removal. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

# Council gives boost to snow clearing

**City hall.** Improvements include removing windrows around school drop-off zones

### Quoted

"It just increases the congestion and the risk, because the roads are narrower."

Coun. Michael Walters on windrows around school zones

City streets will be a little wider after snowfall, school drop-offs a little clearer and driveways will open up after council passed a series of improvements to Edmonton's snow policy.

Council passed the improvements along with \$2.2 million in new funding to cover the costs of three

major changes.

The city will now clear the windrows around school drop-off zones, which Coun. Michael Walters said he heard was a major safety issue.

"We heard from the principals in the area that it was an issue, so this is just a small price to pay," he said.

Walter said schools are already very congested, especially in south Edmonton.

Council will also clear arterial roads when they become too narrow and will clear windrows at the bottom of driveways when they're higher than 30 centimetres.

The budget comes with a hefty increase and Mayor

Don Iveson said he hoped programs like this would show people actual improvements for the higher cost.

"That's further consolation for people who are looking at the number and scratching their heads," he said.

Council also passed more funding for the snow budget that won't actually improve service, but will better reflect the true cost of removal.

The city clears streets regardless of the cost and has been over budget on snow for the last four years.

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Edmonton police are looking for a Jeep Cherokee they believe was responsible for hitting and severely injuring a Canada Post worker earlier this week.

Just after noon on Dec. 4, 32-year-old Greg Mady was struck as he was getting out of his car near 127 Avenue and 126 Street.

The Canada Post worker is now in hospital, being treated for injuries sustained in the crash.

Thanks to video surveillance footage, Const. Julie Webber said police have been able to determine the make and model of the vehicle they're looking for.

"We're hoping that when

the public sees this vehicle, someone maybe will have some information to help us," said Webber. "Obviously someone out there knows what happened."

The car is described as a dark-coloured Jeep Grand Cherokee. Webber said the Jeep may have sustained damage to the right-hand

side of the vehicle because of the crash.

"This victim was unfortunately just a normal guy that was going to work and he was hit by a vehicle. He's now looking at some lengthy time in hospital with some serious injuries," Webber said.

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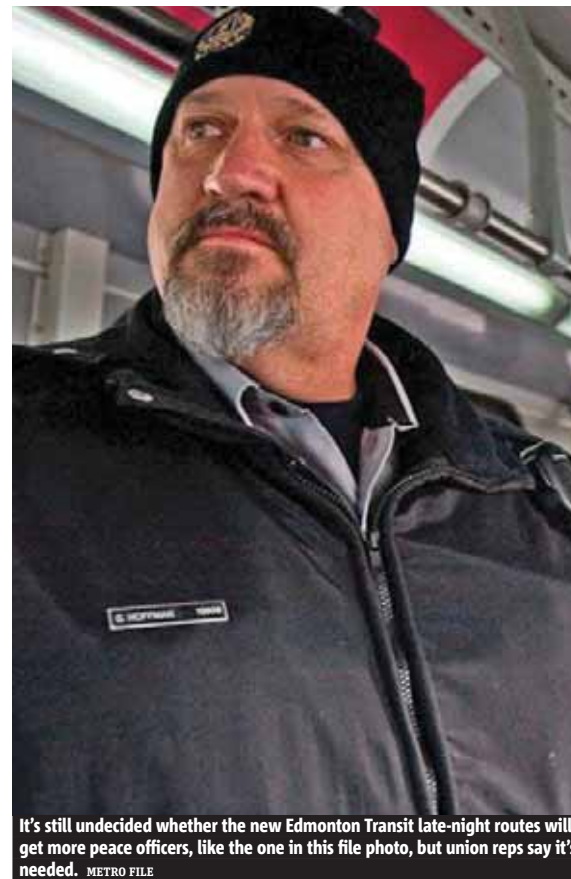


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It's still undecided whether the new Edmonton Transit late-night routes will get more peace officers, like the one in this file photo, but union reps say it's needed. METRO FILE

## Put more peace officers on late routes: Union

**Edmonton Transit.**

Added security needed on new night routes, say union reps



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Late-night transit is coming to Edmonton and more peace officers for those routes should be coming too, say transit union representatives.

Five bus routes will start running until 3 a.m. as of Sept. 2015, as approved by city council earlier this week.

"It's admirable for the city to provide service at those hours of the night," says Steve Bradshaw, who serves as president of Amalgamated Transit Union No. 569.

"However, they have to do it right and that means getting more security out there," he said.

In Calgary, city officials recently decided to beef up

the presence of peace officers presence on late-night routes on New Year's Eve to address any potential safety concerns.

Back in Edmonton, transit security bureaucrats say they have peace officers working around the clock, even after transit has shut down for the night.

Marvin Chick, superintendent with Edmonton Transit security, added that at this time, no extra peace officers will be dedicated to those routes.

"We already have a staffing level out there and when we talk about adding extra, what do we base it on?"

"Is there a need or not a need? Those questions are what we're going to have to look at at the right time," he said.

After the late-night transit launches and the review is complete, Chick added peace officers will respond to calls as needed.

"I think a review during the pilot is what is going to drive what the future holds."



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# TRANSIT APP TROUBLES



## FOOTNOTES

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It took seven months to develop but the ETS transit rider app has finally arrived — and it's astonishingly bad.

Ugly, complicated, prosaic. If ETS Live To Go is transportation's attempt to make public transit more attractive then it would have been better off training bus drivers to high-five riders when they step on. At least that's an added feature. At least that's something.

But the app is such a failure that it's even worse than the ETS website. That, at least, has a trip-planning function.

"It was never intended to have a trip-planner," said Lorna Stewart, ETS director of customer experience and innovation, during our unexpected conversation Thursday (the app officially launches Tuesday). Stewart was willing to admit the app's shortcomings. "I'm not sure why that functionality isn't there."

So who is this app for?

Instead of catering to multi-modal smartphone owners the way Google Maps has — making trip-planning a cinch no matter how junior your bus-route knowledge is — ETS Live To Go is for the most studied transit riders.

Those who know the difference between routes 3, 13 and 23. Those who have memorized bus stop numbers like hockey stats.

That's fine for those routine passengers, but it does nothing to increase ridership above 13 per cent of the local population. For that, you need to make buses dependable and predictable wherever you

are — even if you don't know where that is.

This tech-savvy user will stick to Google's app, which points me to the nearest bus stop and lays out my route options clearly.

That's a shame because it lacks the real-time information currently on 17 buses (and counting), which is the one piece of data giving the city an edge over the ubiquitous Google Maps. Instead of highlighting which routes have this enhancement, the information is buried into the app and only retrievable if you have pre-existing knowledge of the routes.

Stewart says the city is considering moving its real-time transit data to Google. In the meantime we have an app that's not even worth three megabytes of space.

ETS Live To Go was one of four tools tendered to Trapeze ITS through a competitive bid in 2012 at a cost of \$200,000. That includes the website, Email & Ride and an alert system in development. Considering that the city spent half of that total on the sleekly designed and user-friendly 311 app, it would seem that they may have cut costs on the ETS app.

The investment in Smartbus, "smart fare" and starting next year late-night transit service proves there's an appetite to improve the humble service. But perhaps because council and Edmontonians are so intensely focused on championing LRT, ETS is forced to sit on the back of the proverbial bus.

If buses are part of Edmonton's transportation future, then we need to stop treating buses and their users like they're second-rate.



The hoardings at the construction site of 109 Street and Jasper Avenue are now home to artwork from Edmonton youth as part of a project that first launched in Calgary. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

# Decorating work sites for charity

**Downtown rejuvenation.** Core construction site a 'big reward'



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Handprints and motifs have replaced the typical music album releases and concert posters splattered on wooden construction barricades on Jasper Avenue and 109 Street.

## Quoted

"It's a great opportunity to promote advertisers and tie in to the community."

Lindsay Bruno with ProCura

The mounted artwork and Christmas lights strung up belong to children who are part of the nine Edmonton Big Brother Big Sisters (BBBS) locations.

They've been allowed to display their unique artwork on ProCura construction site

hoardings — the wooden barricade.

"It's really exciting to be a part of Edmonton's downtown rejuvenation and have our kids be able to be present an important part of fundraising for us," said Lana Tordoff, marketing and communications manager with Edmonton's Big Brothers Big Sisters.

But it doesn't stop there. Artwork will make its way onto other ProCura Real Estate construction sites in the city next year.

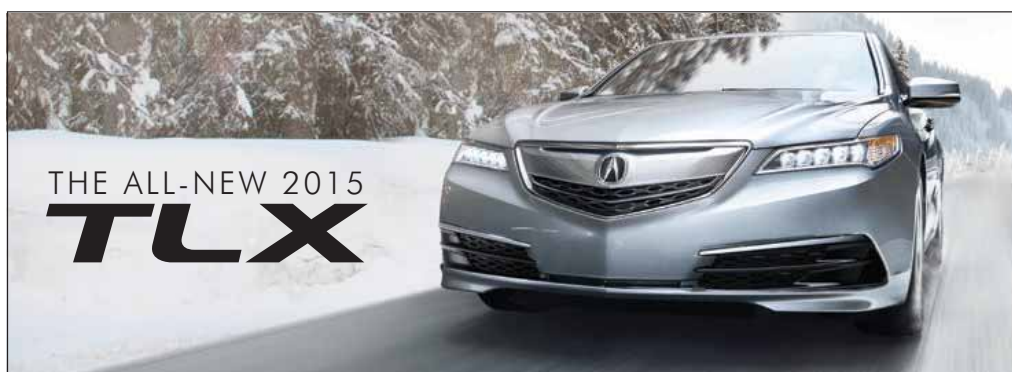
Businesses wanting to display their event poster on

ProCura sites actually help the local youth program and have to chip in a minimum of \$10,000 to BBBS to mount their advertising.

The real estate company hopes to raise \$250,000 — which it will match — and donate back to the program that helps youth in the city.

"It's definitely a really big reward to the community and ProCura would like to see other developers do the same," said Lindsay Bruno with the company.

The next construction site to feature artwork will be in Century Park.



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## University Hospital. Patient takes a stolen ambulance for joyride

Health-care advocates are blaming a lack of security after a patient stole an ambulance from outside the University of Alberta Hospital last month and took the vehicle for a joyride.

On Nov. 28, according to Edmonton police, an ambulance was stolen from the University of Alberta Hospital at approximately 7 p.m. EPS officers located the vehicle near 100 Street and Jasper Avenue just after 7:40.

EMS executive director Dale Weiss called the incident bizarre.

"We have those ambulances tracked by GPS and it was tracked relatively quickly," he said. "Police services were notified and they were able to track it down and the ambulance was stopped without incident."

According to Weiss, the man was able to steal the ambulance because the vehicles are left open so they can be moved easily. To prevent this sort of situation

### Quoted

**"This incident could have gone so badly on so many levels."**

Elisabeth Ballermann, president of Health Sciences Association of Alberta, who said that due to "capacity problems in the system," the incident wasn't shocking.

from happening, anti-theft devices are installed in the vehicles.

"There was some question to whether that was the case in this (situation)," Weiss said.

Health Sciences Association of Alberta president Elisabeth Ballermann said she's not shocked this has happened.

"We've had capacity problems in the system for years and years and every couple of years there has to be another crisis," she said. "This incident could have gone so badly on so many levels."

LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

# U of A student does 'cool stuff every week'

**52Skillz.** From flipping a plane to throwing a hatchet, Stephen Robinson looks to learn plenty over a year

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Learning to flip a plane is surprisingly easy, says University of Alberta student Stephen Robinson.

The fourth-year psychology student refined his plane-flipping skills as part of a project to learn 52 skills in 52 weeks, all the time documenting the experience on his blog.

Aptly named 52Skillz, Robinson said he was inspired to start the project when he tried to learn how

to moonwalk while playing the guitar for a friend's birthday.

Now well into Week 12, Robinson said he's done things from spending time in a sensory deprivation chamber to learning how to properly throw a hatchet — which according to the 21-year-old, was surprisingly hard.

"You don't know satisfaction until you've been throwing a hatchet at a stump for two hours," he laughed.

Basing the project out of the U of A's EHub — an incubator for student entrepreneurial ideas — Robinson said he's hoping the blog will help him hone new skills valuable for launching his own entrepreneurial pursuits.

"The cool thing with 52Skillz is if it doesn't go

anywhere or make any money, I'm still going to have the most amazing year of my life because I have to do cool stuff every week," he said.

Like learning how to flip a plane, Robinson said 52Skillz has given him the motivation to tackle new challenges.

"A lot of it is stuff I've always wanted to do, but I haven't had the motivation. For flying, I've always wanted to fly a plane but I've never really had any goal or something behind it to motivate me to do that," he said.

Through the blog, Robinson said he hopes he can inspire others to search out what motivates them to pursue their specific interest.

"Anyone can do this stuff. There's nothing special about me," he said.

### Robinson's journey

Robinson said he chooses skills he can learn in four or five hours and spends most of his time networking to set up the skill.

- Check out more of Robinson's journey at 52skillz.com.



EHub director Qasim Rasi said having creative entrepreneurs like Robinson is what the initiative is all about.

"(It's) a place for students with entrepreneurial ideas to go and not just go and build a company, but take classes on entrepreneurship, receive guidance and mentorship along the way," said Rasi.



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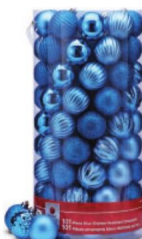
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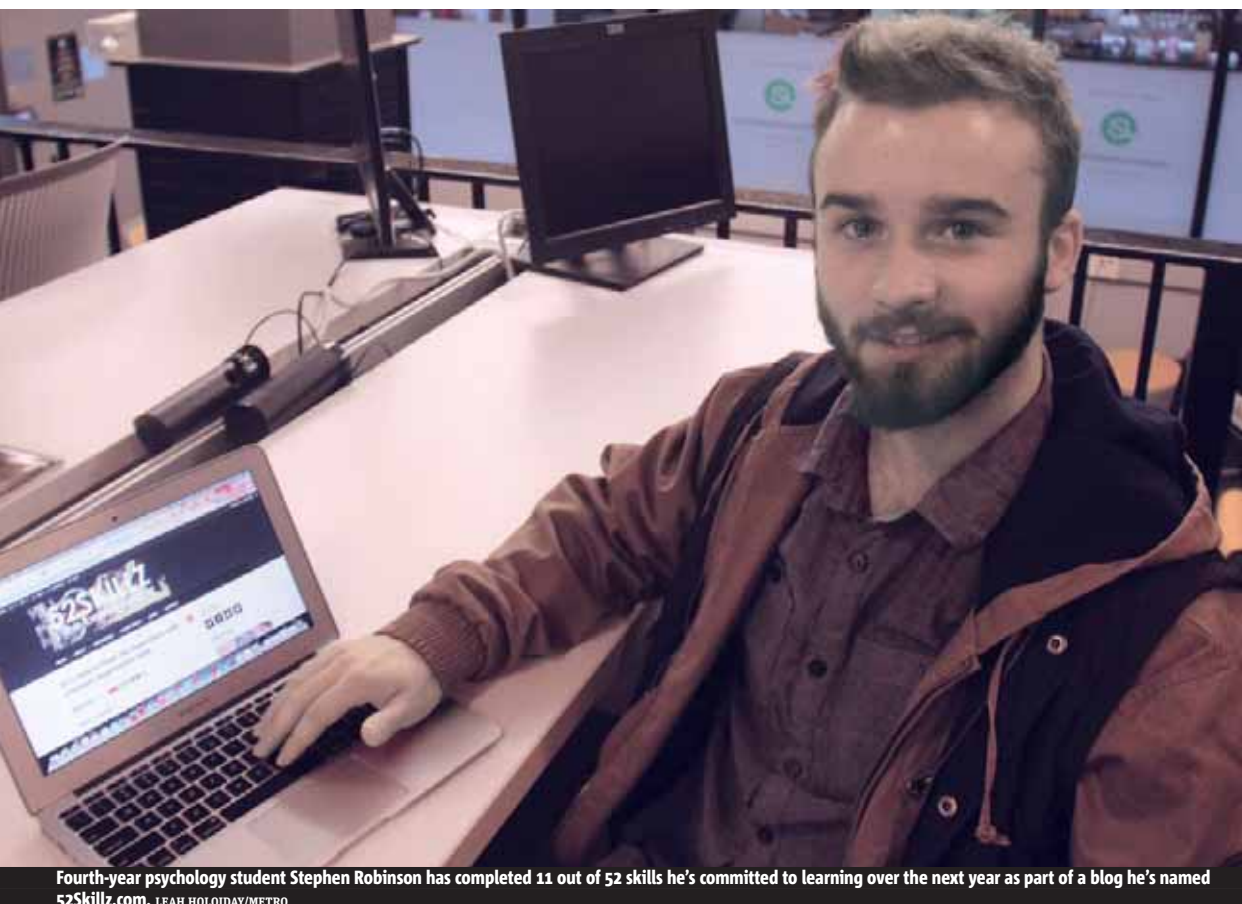


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Fourth-year psychology student Stephen Robinson has completed 11 out of 52 skills he's committed to learning over the next year as part of a blog he's named 52Skillz.com. LEAH HOLODAY/METRO

## Nenshi. Calgary mayor says Bill 10 makes Alberta look like 'hillbillies'

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi, speaking Thursday to hundreds of members of the Calgary Chamber on the state of the city's economy as oil prices plummet, paused from that topic for a five-minute digression on Alberta's recent legislation on gay-straight alliances.

After Bill 10 received two readings in the Alberta legislature, Premier Jim Prentice put the controversial legislation on "pause" last week, in the wake of public outcry across the province. Here's what Nenshi had to say about the whole affair:

"I pitch this city across Canada, and when I make that pitch, it may surprise you to know, I always get the same question. And I bet that question is going to surprise you, because you live here and you wouldn't think this is a question.

"And the question I always get is: 'Is Calgary welcoming? Is it homophobic? Is it racist? Is it diverse? Will not only I be accepted, but will my friends be accepted?'"

"And, of course, I always say, 'Look at me. I'm the mayor. We're very welcoming, and for the vast majority of us, this place — our home — is the absolute epitome of meritocracy, of multiculturalism, of pluralism, of support and of success.'"

"But, I've got to tell you, the last couple of weeks in the provincial legislature have not made my job any easier. This damaging and hateful debate that we've been having in the provincial legislature around Bill 202 and Bill 10 does nothing but reinforce negative stereotypes.

"... If we say that we live in a city where we're thinking it would be OK for a 15-year-old to appear before a judge to ask the judge if the 15-year-old can start a club in his school that no one would be forced to belong to, well folks, that would be the Scopes Monkey Trial of Alberta.

"We would end up having international attention toward what kinds of hillbillies we are. None of us need that."

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Commuters on 75th Street could get some relief from train delays if the federal government commits funds to a proposed underpass. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO EDMONTON

# City plans push for Yellowhead upgrade

**Traffic tie-ups.** Council hoping cash injection from federal Building Canada Fund will help to ease congestion along freeway



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Commuters on the Yellowhead and in the south side could both be in for major relief under a new proposal the City of Edmonton will pitch to the federal government.

Councillors were considering the improvements to the Yellowhead Freeway and to railway crossing at 50th Street and 75th Street on Edmonton's south side during the capital budget, but have postponed the discussion into early next year.

The city is hoping to pitch

the federal government that both improvements would make sense as part of their Building Canada Fund.

The program has specific funds allocated for large projects with a national impact and Coun. Tony Caterina said the Yellowhead should be an obvious one.

"Once it's a free flow and the work is done, it will be a benefit not just to Edmonton, but to the province," he said.

Mayor Don Iveson said he also hopes to sell the federal government on the rail underpasses, noting both are significant to moving traffic in the city that's currently seeing the most growth.

"These are some of the ones where if we don't get support from other levels of government Edmonton will slowly grind to a halt," he said.

Commuter Joel Teeling said the train crossings on the south side are a constant source of frustration.

## Big costs

Among the upgrades contemplated to the Yellowhead are an interchange at 121 Street at a cost of \$213.5 million, as well as one at Fort Road at a cost of \$96.6 million.

- **Additional upgrades.** An underpass at 50th Street is estimated to cost \$85 million, while one at 75th Street would cost \$66 million.

"I have been stuck multiple times for very long periods of time," he said.

Teeling said his bigger concern is 34th Avenue, but any relief in that corner of the city from the train crossings would be incredible.

"It's a very busy area particularly at rush hour without the train being thrown into the mix."

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# Publication ban case adjourned

**Dartmouth.** Man charged with releasing the name of a sexual assault victim granted time to review penalties

The lawyer for a man charged with violating a publication ban in a sexual assault trial in Halifax has been granted time to hear what penalties the Crown is considering.

Judge Patrick Curran granted the adjournment Thursday in Dartmouth provincial court, requiring David Winslow Sparks to return on Jan. 12. Sparks, 62, was charged in

September after police alleged he posted on social media the name of the victim in the sexual assault case. The identity of the victim is protected by a publication ban.

In July defence lawyer Lyle Howe was sentenced to three years in prison after being found guilty by a jury of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman in March 2011. Howe's lawyer has filed an appeal in that case.

Sparks is represented by Howe's wife, Laura McCarthy, who is also a defence lawyer.

McCarthy said outside court she's unclear what potential penalty the Crown is seeking and needs that information before advising her

## Details

Outside court, David Winslow Sparks said the alleged offence was a post on Facebook and he's eager to deal with the matter in court and move on.

- "I'm anxious to get it over with," he said.

client on a plea.

"We adjourned ... to allow time to speak with the Crown and see what kind of resolution can be reached," she said.

"You don't want somebody making an uninformed decision." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Province scraps WWII-era law used at G20

G20 summit protesters clash with riot police in downtown Toronto on Saturday, June 26, 2010. A Second World War law used by police to make mass arrests during the G20 summit was officially scrapped Thursday and replaced with new legislation. The Public Works Protection Act was secretly revived by the Liberal government prior to the G20, and then used by police to "kettle" or detain large groups in the streets, and to arrest 1,100 people during the summit. Ombudsman Andre Marin concluded it was opportunistic and inappropriate to use a "war measure" to give police extra authority, and said police compounded matters by misrepresenting the reach of their new powers during the G20. The law designed to protect electrical generating facilities from Nazi saboteurs in the 1940s was replaced by a new bill that enhances security at courthouses, electrical generating stations and nuclear power plants.

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## Manitoba

### Teacher under investigation over Facebook comments about aboriginals

A high school teacher in Manitoba has been placed on leave and is being investigated over social media comments that one aboriginal leader called hurtful and racist.

Kevin Hart, who works at the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, filed a complaint with Kelvin High School Thursday, saying that a Facebook page under the name of Brad Badiuk, a technology teacher at the Winnipeg school, contained statements that said aboriginals are looking for free money from non-aboriginals.

The Facebook page had been deleted Thursday and

attempts to reach Badiuk were not successful.

The Winnipeg School Division would not name Badiuk, but said a veteran teacher was being investigated and could face disciplinary measures if found to have crossed a line. Those consequences could be anything from an order to undergo sensitivity training to outright dismissal.

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A pilot positions a CF-18 Hornet at the CFB Cold Lake on Oct. 21. A market analysis into which fighter jet could replace the CF-18s tells the Harper government it can postpone a decision and keep flying the current fleet until 2025.

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# CF-18 replacement can wait until 2025

**F-35 debate.** While the government can delay its decision, it must still quickly decide what will replace the aging jets: Report

A long-awaited market analysis into which fighter jet could replace the CF-18s tells the Harper government it can postpone a decision and keep flying the current fleet until 2025, but it will cost roughly \$400 million.

The report by a panel of independent experts, part of a package of documents put before the federal cabinet last summer, warns the aging jets should not be flown much past that date because it would be an unacceptable, costly risk.

## Ebola vaccine

### Trials halted after subjects report pain

Swiss researchers have temporarily halted a clinical trial of a Canadian-made Ebola vaccine after seeing an unexpected side-effect in a few people who received the serum.

Four of 59 people vaccinated in the Geneva-based trial reported pain in the joints of their extremities — fingers and toes — between 10 and 15 days after receiving the shot, researcher Dr. Angela Huttner said in an interview.

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All of the research was done to help the Harper government decide whether to purchase the F-35 stealth fighter, or hold an open competition.

"No decision has been made on the purchase of replacements for the CF-18s," Public Works Minister Diane Finley told the Commons prior to the release of the panel report and annual F-35 cost assessment.

Earlier this year, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson's office announced the CF-18s would get life extension upgrades to keep them flying for another 11 years, but no details on cost or risks were released.

The panel's analysis looked at four different fighter jets and found each is equally capable of meeting Canada's needs, although the Harper government and the air force have insisted for years the F-35

## Replacing the CF-18

In order to smoothly phase out Canada's fleet of CF-18s, replacements will have to be chosen by 2020, according to the panel's report.

- **The big decision.** The federal government would need at least three years to run an open competition, while F-35 orders need three years lead time according to the jet's manufacturer.

was the only choice to replace the CF-18s.

The report says the CF-18's relevance will decline rapidly after 2025, and will cost \$1.5 billion in maintenance leading up to 2030. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Liberia. Ottawa NGO looks to raise \$60K for literacy

The Ebola epidemic has emptied classrooms in Liberia and kept students cooped up at home for months.

So an Ottawa NGO is preparing over 10,000 home schooling kits to help elementary school kids learn to read while they are stuck indoors.

CODE — a charity supporting literacy in Canada and worldwide — has been working to get Liberia's education system back on its feet since the disastrous effects of the 15-year, on-again-off-again civil war that killed about 300,000 people in the country and Sierra Leone.

When Ebola broke out about 10 months ago, Liberia

and education system were "very ill prepared to address this newest crisis," said CODE executive director Scott Walter.

"At least with the civil war, they knew who the enemy was. They could see the enemy," he said. "With Ebola, it's an unseen enemy and it could come from anywhere."

CODE has partnered with the WE-CARE Foundation to create "Home School Kits of Hope" filled with children's books, school supplies and information pamphlets on Ebola.

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## New policy

## Doctors against abortion now required to refer patients

Doctors who morally oppose providing abortion services or prescribing birth control will be required to refer patients to other physicians, according to a draft policy paper just released by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

The document reflects a struggle to balance the fundamental rights of patients with respect for doctors' personal values and beliefs.

"We feel this is an excellent balance of human rights and constitutional rights," Dr. Marc Gabel, chair of the College's policy working group, said Wednesday in an interview.

The draft policy also states that a doctor is expected to ensure emergency care, even when that conflicts with the physician's beliefs. Gabel added that a doctor who balked at following the code would face professional misconduct sanctions. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# SCOC imposes rules on cellphone searches

**Privacy at issue.** SCOC rules police have some rights to search cellphones without warrants, but must follow rules

A divided Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday that police can conduct a limited search of suspect's cellphone without getting a search warrant, regardless of password protection — but they must follow strict rules.

The precedent-setting ruling, reached by a narrow 4-3 margin, found that the search must be directly related to the circumstances of a person's arrest and that investigators must keep detailed records of the search.

In a dissenting opinion, the three opposing justices said the police should be required to obtain a search warrant in all cases, except rare instances

where there is a danger to the public, police or the evidence.

It is the first Supreme Court ruling on cellphone privacy, a 21st-century issue that has already spawned a series of divergent lower court decisions.

The high court dismissed the appeal of the 2009 armed robbery conviction of Kevin Fearon, who argued that police violated his charter rights when they searched his cellphone without a warrant after he'd robbed a Toronto jewelry kiosk.

The court agreed that the police had in fact breached Fearon's rights, but said the evi-

dence against him on his cellphone should not be excluded.

"The police simply did something that they believed on reasonable grounds to be lawful and were proven wrong, after the fact, by developments in the jurisprudence," Justice Thomas Cromwell wrote for the majority.

Cromwell said the court was trying to strike a balance between the demands of effective law enforcement and the public's right to be free of unreasonable searches and seizures under Section 8 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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## More SCOC news

## Khadr decision stuns lawyers

A decision by the Supreme Court of Canada to hear the federal government's challenge of Omar Khadr's youth status stunned his lawyers on

Thursday. Khadr had already agreed to remain in a federal prison even though Alberta's top court ruled he should be moved to a provincial facility.

"I'm stunned," Nate Whitting, one of Khadr's lawyers, said after the top court's decision. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Magnotta trial resumes Monday

Diran Lin, father of Jun Lin, arrives to hear the closing arguments at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta on Thursday in Montreal. The Crown has completed its final arguments at the trial and is asking the jury to find Magnotta guilty of first-degree murder in the slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin. The jurors have been sent home until Monday, when the judge will give them their instructions before they are sequestered. **RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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In this Nov. 30 photo, Cuban fans sing during a hip-hop concert in Havana. Documents obtained by The Associated Press show that a U.S. agency infiltrated Cuba's hip-hop scene, recruiting unwitting rappers to spark a youth movement against the government. RAMON ESPINOSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Cuban hip-hop stars used by U.S. agency

**USAID.** American agency infiltrated Cuba's music scene to undermine the state, create youth advocates for social change

Over two years a U.S. agency secretly infiltrated Cuba's underground hip-hop movement, recruiting unwitting rappers to spark a youth movement against the government, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The idea was to use Cuban musicians "to break the information blockade" and build a youth network seeking "social change," documents show.

The program is laid out in documents involving Creative Associates International, a Washington, D.C., contractor paid millions of dollars to undermine Cuba's communist government. The thousands of pages include contracts, emails, preserved chats, budgets, expense reports, PowerPoints, photographs and passports.

Contractors involved in the hip-hop operation would recruit scores of Cuban musicians for projects disguised as cultural initiatives but really aimed at boosting their visibility and encouraging a movement of fans to challenge the government.

One target was Los Aldeanos, a hip-hop group frustrated by official pressure and widely respected by Cuban youth for its hard-hitting lyrics.

Creative used a Panama front company and a Lichtenstein bank to hide the money

trail from Cuba, where thousands of dollars went to fund a TV program starring Los Aldeanos. It would be distributed on DVDs to circumvent Cuba's censors.

Then the Colombian rock star Juanes announced a September 2009 concert in the heart of Havana. Creative managers held a two-day strategy session on how to persuade Juanes to let Los Aldeanos perform with him.

They never shared the stage, but Juanes publicly thanked the rappers after the concert. The contractors believed this measure of public support would help protect the group against the government; however, Juanes' spokesman John Reilly said Wednesday the concert had no political agenda, and that Juanes had no knowledge of what the other artists did.

About a month later Los Aldeanos' frontman, Aldo Rodriguez, was detained for illegal possession of a computer.

Creative contractors at one point contacted a sex education institute run by the daughter of President Raul Castro, Mariela, who was contacted to be part of Serbia's EXIT Festival, despite organizers — such as Serbian contractor Rajko Bozic — also running the anti-Castro hip-hop operation.

Cuban officials ultimately discovered what was going on once contractors paid \$15,000 to underwrite a music festival run by singer Pablo Milanese.

Over the next four months Bozic was detained coming into Havana with a potentially incriminating USB stick, generating anxiety among contractors. Bozic cut his trip short and told

## Compromised culture USAID plan hurt hip-hop

The operation compromised Cuba's vibrant hip-hop culture, which has produced some of the hardest-hitting grassroots criticism since Fidel Castro came to power in 1959. Artists that USAID contractors tried to promote left the country or stopped performing amid pressure from the Cuban government, and one of the island's most popular independent music festivals was taken over after officials linked it to USAID.

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contractors he wouldn't be returning any time soon.

In August 2010 Los Aldeanos took the stage at an independent music festival and criticized the government and police. The group later moved to South Florida, citing the government was making it difficult to work.

On six occasions a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) contractor said Cuban authorities detained or interrogated people involved in the program, confiscating computers containing information that unwittingly jeopardized the safety of numerous Cubans; not realizing they were part of a clandestine U.S. operation. The Associated Press investigation found that despite this, USAID put itself and its targets at risk.

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# Christmas Truce commemorated

**Soccer.** Moment of WWI peace, goodwill memorialized by monument in Belgium

A century ago on Christmas Day, German and British enemies left their World War I trenches and headed into no man's land in a few scattered locations on the Western Front for an unofficial truce among soldiers. Some eyewitness accounts say they were highlighted by a few soccer kickabouts.

The proponents of the sport have cherished that day as historic proof that there is little that can better bridge man's differences than soccer.

It is that unique mood of brotherhood that Michel Platini, the president of the Union of European Football Associations, planned to underscore on Thursday when he unveiled a Christmas Truce monument



UEFA president Michel Platini, right, and the mayor of Ploegsteert, Gilbert Deleu, after unveiling a World War I Christmas Truce monument in Ploegsteert, Belgium, on Thursday. VIRGINIA MAYO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

on the former battlegrounds known as Flanders Fields in western Belgium, scene of some of the most vile killing.

"Together, they performed simple acts of reconciliation, culminating in the discovery of a shared language: Football," Platini wrote to Euro-

pean Union leaders early this year.

For those involved, it was most of all a yearning for a sense of normalcy, however momentarily, that pushed them over the edge of their trenches, unarmed.

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# CIA chief recounts horrors of Sept. 11 in defence of tactics

**Senate torture report.** Says CIA's interrogation practices did not lead to a safer America

CIA Director John Brennan defended his agency Thursday from accusations in a Senate report that it used inhumane interrogation techniques against terrorist suspects with no security benefits to the U.S. But he stopped short of claiming that the tough methods saved thousands of American lives.

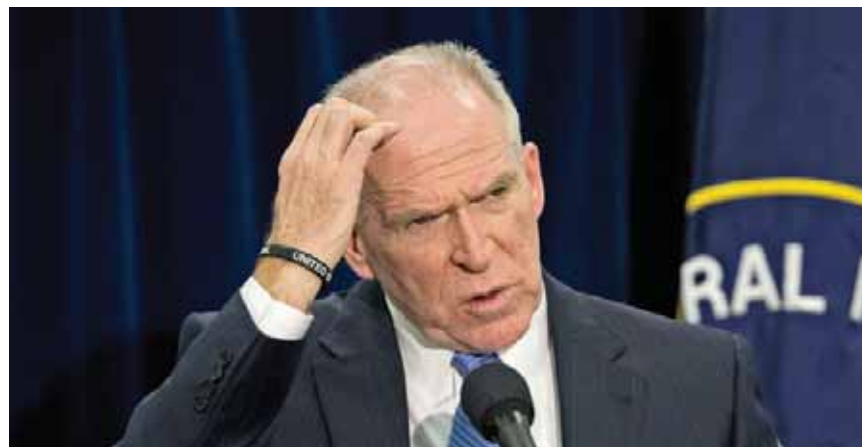
Brennan conceded that it is impossible to know whether the detainees provided crucial information because of the "enhanced interrogation techniques." He said the cause-and-effect relationship is "unknown and unknowable." He conceded unauthorized and in some cases abhorrent methods

were used against captives, but asserted the CIA "did a lot of things right" in a time when there were "no easy answers."

Brennan opened a rare news conference by recounting the horrors of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, his agency's determination to prevent another such assault and the fact that CIA officers were the first to fight and early to die in the Afghanistan war.

His remarks were part of a campaign by the CIA and several of its past leaders to discredit a five-year Senate investigation into the CIA's harrowing interrogation practices after 9-11, concerned that the historical record may define them as torturers instead of patriots and expose them to legal action around the world.

The Senate intelligence committee's report doesn't urge prosecution for wrongdoing, and the Justice Department has



CIA Director John Brennan gestures during a news conference at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., Thursday. Brennan defended his agency from accusations in a Senate report that it used inhumane interrogation techniques against terrorist suspects with no security benefits to the nation. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

no interest in reopening a criminal probe. But the threat to former interrogators and their superiors was underlined as a UN

special investigator demanded those responsible for "systematic crimes" be brought to justice, and human rights groups

pushed for the arrest of key CIA and Bush administration figures if they travel overseas.

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## Closing Guantanamo

Fed up with the stalled progress toward closing the Guantanamo Bay detention centre, President Barack Obama summoned top administration officials to the White House for an unusual meeting last month to make it clear he wanted action. The president addressed the team at length, emphasizing why he wants to shut down the detention facility for terrorism suspects, according to administration officials familiar with the meeting, which wasn't on Obama's public schedule.



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## Redbox. Betting on DVD rentals

Unlike other companies that have abandoned the physical media market, Outerwall is betting there's at least a few years left to make money renting out DVDs and Blu-rays.

The U.S.-based vending machine company, which operates the Redbox video rental kiosks, is trying to get Canadians reacquainted with the old routine of popping out to rent a movie. And the company is offering Canadians some freebies to give the rental machines a try.

The company operates nearly 1,400 movie-rental machines across Canada and more than 42,000 in the United States. Redbox had hoped to have twice as many machines in place in Canada by the end of 2013, but Redbox president Mark Horak concedes the company is still trying to build brand awareness here. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# CBC to trim TV newscasts

**Five-year strategy.** Changes are part of plan to shift priorities from TV and radio to mobile and digital

CBC will shorten all local super-hour newscasts to 30 or 60 minutes and will broadcast Radio One morning shows on TV beginning next fall.

The changes are part of a five-year strategy to shift priorities from radio and television to mobile and digital announced by the public broadcaster in June.

Currently, most super-hour newscasts at the CBC are 90 minutes.

Shows in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's and the North will be trimmed to 60 minutes. Programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Windsor, Montreal and Fredericton will be chopped to 30 minutes.

CBC will broadcast local Radio One morning shows on TV between 6 and 7 a.m. in all existing markets except the North.

To offset the reduced newscasts, CBC said it would introduce regular local television newsbreaks during the

day and prime-time.

It also said it would maintain, and in some cases grow, its spending in local investigative journalism.

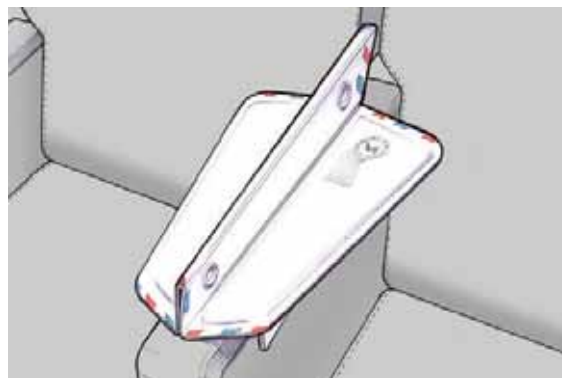
Also next fall, CBC will introduce new services specifically for mobile users.

The broadcaster did not specify how jobs would be impacted by the changes.

"CBC/Radio-Canada's new local strategy is about changing how we serve the audience. We are moving to become a comprehensive four-platform local news service — across the day and on demand," Heather Conway, executive vice-president of English Services, said in a statement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Digital offerings

- CEO Hubert Lacroix announced in June that the broadcaster was planning to cut down local newscasts as part of a plan to increase digital offerings by 2020.
- He did not provide details at that time. But he did say that between 1,000 and 1,500 jobs would be trimmed over the next five years.



The Soarigami aims to prevent the battle over the airplane armrest.

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## Invention. Device could end in-flight elbow wars

A B.C. man has invented a device that he claims could finally bring an end to in-flight elbow wars.

Called Soarigami, the plastic divider attaches to an existing armrest and doubles the usable space, preventing the possibility of awkward elbow rubbing with strangers.

"We're trying to make flying less stressful and just kind of lighten the mood a little bit," company co-founder Arthur Chang told Metro.

When it launches, Soarigami — which takes its name from Japanese words sora (sky) and gami (grace) — will take on the form of a simple, paper airplane-inspired origami design.

Chang, who grew up in Vancouver but now calls Dallas home, said he came up with

the idea while trapped in an air-travel nightmare: He was stuck in the middle seat.

Buzz is already building on social media about Soarigami.

Since launching the website and an animated video, complete with a catchy song, the "Annoying Passenger Anthem," Chang said the company's pre-order list has taken off.

Initial public criticism has already inspired Soarigami's makers to alter its design slightly, turning it around so the wider part of the plane is at the front of the armrest to prevent it from potentially digging into a user's side.

Available for pre-order online, Soarigami will go on sale for about \$30 and is expected to launch in early 2015.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

### Anti-competition

## Bureau probes Apple contracts

The Competition Bureau is investigating allegations that Apple uses anti-competitive clauses in its contracts with Canadian wireless carriers.

Spokesman Greg Scott says the bureau sought a court order earlier this week to compel Apple Canada Inc. to hand over records relating to the investigation. The bureau says it has not yet concluded whether there has been any wrongdoing on Apple's part.

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### New IP law

## Google to block news from Spain

In a decision that will reverberate around the globe, Google announced Thursday it will close Google News in Spain and block reports from Spanish publishers from more than 70 Google News international editions due to a new Spanish law requiring aggregators to pay to link content.

Google News in Spain will shut down on Dec. 16 — several weeks before a new Spanish intellectual property law takes effect Jan. 1 requiring news publishers to be paid.

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## Holiday shopping. Tough time for teen retailers

Being a teen can be tough, but catering to one is even more difficult. Teen retailers are learning that lesson the hard way this holiday season.

The longtime CEO of Abercrombie & Fitch on Tuesday abruptly retired just a week after the retailer posted an 11.5 per cent quarterly sales drop and slashed its annual profit forecast. And American Eagle and Aeropostale gave dismal forecasts for the quarter that includes the holiday shopping season after each posted weak

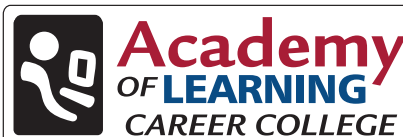
sales for the fall.

Teen retailers are facing ho-hum results at a time when overall U.S. retail sales are up 5.1 per cent over the past 12 months, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

It's a shift for teen retailers. They became popular in the last decade for their logo tees and trendy jeans, which became a high school uniform of sorts. But since the recession, these stores have been losing favour with their core demographic. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## VOICES

## IN DEFENCE OF CALGARY'S WORST DRIVER

THE KOHLER  
REPORT

By Rebecca Kohler

Water coolers were abuzz this week with talk of the latest YouTube sensation: Calgary's Worst Driver.

The four-minute video, caught on surveillance camera and seen by millions of people, depicts a woman in a silver BMW SUV trying to manoeuvre out of a parking spot. Her skills are so poor, the Beemer looks less like a vehicle and more like a confused bull charging backward at an invisible conquistador, in slow motion. She even hits a car behind her.

As I watched this driving instructor's nightmare, I was hit with several emotions: frustration, incredulity and, I'll be honest, judgment.

But, as I snickered, the video started to feel quite familiar — not because I'd seen it before, but because I had

been *that driver*.

Don't get me wrong: I'm not as bad as Calgary's W.D., but, as someone who got behind the wheel only in her 30s, I'm also no Jacques Villeneuve. I once rented a car in Los Angeles and attempted to exit the parking lot the wrong way. I got stuck, and the Enterprise representative had to take over and get it out for me.

I think we were both glad I'd opted for the insurance.

Another time, at a Loblaws parking lot, I was trying to get into a tight spot and was dangerously close to the car beside me. As I struggled, I looked out the window and made eye contact with a man who was shaking his head "no" at me. It wasn't a sympathetic shake, it was more of a "you are a pathetic human being" gesture. I got red in the face and decided it was best I go home and not buy groceries that day.

It's easy to think other people are

idiots, because they're not us. It's like those times in public bathrooms when I'll hear someone in a stall having a bad bowel day. I'll think, "Gross. What a loser."

And then I'll remember that I, too, have eaten tainted sushi outside of the house. (As a side note, in these cases, I always feel compelled to look under the stall at her shoes — as if the fact that she's wearing Uggs will shed some light on why this is happening to her.)

Calgary's Worst Driver also had the worst luck getting caught on camera, so I hesitate to laugh too hard. Public humiliation could happen to any of us.

It's winter now. Imagine tomorrow you wipe out on the ice, only to have yourself broadcast on the CBC News as Toronto's Worst Walker. You'd have a whole YouTube comment section dedicated to your inability to

saunter. We live in a world where cameras are everywhere — and there are so many things I'm glad an iPhone hasn't caught me doing: from licking the inside of a pizza box to scratching the inside of my nose. With less luck, I would have already been crowned Canada's Most Disgusting Person.

All of this said, I'm not letting the lady behind the wheel of the silver BMW entirely off the hook; she's deserving of some of our collective scorn, not because she is a terrible driver, but because she hit a car and then (slowly) fled the scene. It's one thing to be a bozo on your own time, but as soon as you drag someone else into your incompetence, you should do the right thing and leave a note on your victim's windshield.

Being bad at something doesn't make you worthy of ridicule and judgment, but making someone else pay for it does.



To watch the notorious video, scan this image with your Metro News app. SCREENGRAB

## Happy face/Sad face

From serpentine revenge to serpentine non-events, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week



## SNAKES IN A CAFÉ

Ever been so mad at the absence of diced onions on your Tim's sandwich that you threw a snake at the cashier? Well one guy in Saskatoon (allegedly) has, and now he's facing charges. Police claim the suspect grabbed a garter snake from his friend's pocket and lobbed it behind the counter because his breakfast wasn't made to his liking. Talk about a hissy fit. (See what we did there?)



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## MALALA YOUSAFZAI

On Wednesday this amazing Pakistani teen became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Yousafzai brought her two best friends — who were also injured when she was shot by the Taliban — to Oslo with her to share in the incredible moment.



## GOING NUTS OVER NUTS

How's this for air rage? An Air Korea flight was delayed when the airline chairman's daughter ordered a crew member off the plane for serving nuts in a bag rather than on a plate. Cho Hyun-ah — who is also an executive for the airline — may be charged for breaching aviation safety regulations by interrupting a flight.



## EBOLA FIGHTERS

For their "tireless acts of courage and mercy," Time magazine has named frontline workers in the fight against Ebola as its Person of the Year. More than 600 health-care workers have contracted the disease, and nearly 350 have died, according to the World Health Organization.



## NOT EATEN ALIVE

In other snake news ... naturalist Paul Rosolie disappointed four million Discovery Channel viewers when his much-hyped two-hour show Eaten Alive — in which he was to wear a special suit and get eaten by an anaconda — fell short of its graphic promise. Rosolie was *not* eaten, but did suffer an arm injury from being constricted. In the words of Stephen Colbert: "You promised us Paul Rosolie would be eaten alive ... but you only gave us 'Cuddled Alive.'"





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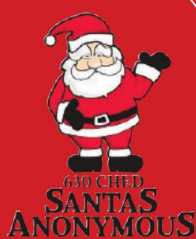
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# Going straight can be a rocky road

**Top Five.** From Bill Murray and Robin Williams to Jim Carrey and Jonah Hill, all comic actors eventually attempt to switch to more dramatic roles

Bill Murray became a big-screen superstar on the back of loose-limbed performances in comedies like *Caddyshack*, *Stripes* and *Ghostbusters*. By 1984, however, he was tiring of playing the clown and looking to do something with a bit more of an edge.

When director John Byrum gave him a copy of W. Somerset Maugham's 1944 novel *The Razor's Edge*, Murray responded the very next day.

Calling the director at 4 a.m., he said, "This is Larry, Larry Darrell," dropping the name of the novel's main character, an enigmatic man on a quest for spiritual fulfilment.

The resulting film bombed, with Roger Ebert suggesting Murray played "the hero as if fate is a comedian and he is the straight man."

Of course Murray has gone on to become a credible and in-demand dramatic actor, but the story of a comedian's rocky leap from farce to drama still rings true today.

Chris Rock's new comedy *Top Five* tells the story of Andre Allen, a fictional megastar trying to jump from silly comedies to *Uprize*, a serious drama about the slave revolt in Haiti.

*Top Five* is a new twist on an old story. Many comedians have tried to flick the switch from comedy to drama.

Robin Williams effortlessly hopped between genres. In 2002 alone, he made three films: the lowbrow laffer *Death*



Chris Rock wrote, directed and stars in his new comedy, *Top Five*. CONTRIBUTED

## In Review

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to *Smoochy*, the psychodrama *One Hour Photo* and Christopher Nolan's thriller *Insomnia*.

Will Ferrell, Steve Carell and Jonah Hill are known for funny movies like *Blades of Glory*, *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and *Superbad*, but each have stretched their dramatic muscles.

Ferrell's *Stranger Than Fiction* earned a good review from Roger Ebert, who said Ferrell "has dramatic gifts to equal his comedic talent."

Carell's new drama *Foxcatcher* looks poised to earn him notice at awards time.

And Jonah Hill is a two-time Oscar nominee for heavyweights *Moneyball* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

## Top Five

**Director.** Chris Rock

**Stars.** Chris Rock, Rosario Dawson, Gabrielle Union

The top five things to know about *Top Five* are: It works as a comedy, as a romance, as a look at creative fulfilment, as a showcase for Chris Rock's comedian friends and as a portrait of fame in the 2000s.

Rock, who also writes

and directs, stars as a comedian making a switch to serious drama.

Promoting his new movie and nuptials to reality star Erica (Gabrielle Union), he spends the day with reporter Chelsea Brown (Rosario Dawson) who urges him to think about his past and future.

Unlike his movie alter ego, Rock is clearly still interested in being funny in this personal film that crackles with energy and NSFW humour.

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# Finding an end by wrapping the beginning

## Producer interview.

With the last Hobbit film, Peter Jackson is thrilled to finally finish his Lord of the Rings adventure

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Thirteen years, six movies and more than 1,000 minutes of film later, Peter Jackson is ready for a break.

"You can't believe how much we don't want anything to do," he says.

With the release of *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies*, the journey that began with 2001's *The Fellowship of the Ring* has come to an end

for the director and his wife, producer and screenwriter Fran Walsh.

"We haven't had a day when we've woken up and there hasn't been a deadline," he says of the last 13 years.

"Even if you go on vacation and they say, 'You finished the first Hobbit movie and you can have three weeks off over Christmas,' but we have to come back and start work on the next one on January 6, so it has always been this sort of looming thing.

"Now we get to wake up and it is done, finished, nothing left to do. We deliberately haven't taken on any other work because Fran and I wanted so badly, for once in our professional lives of 30-odd years, to not have anything to do. That doesn't mean that six weeks into our holiday we'll not be so bloody bored that we'll immedi-

## Quoted

"I would be a happy man if I could make movies for the rest of my life using the cast we've used to date."

Peter Jackson

ately start another project. That would be fine. At least we'll do it for the right reasons."

The new film is the end of an era, and the beginning of one of the biggest movie franchises in history. As the third part of the Hobbit trilogy, it brings to an end Jackson's J.R.R. Tolkien's adaptations. In the chronology, however, it is midway, the film that sets up the Lord of the Rings pictures.

"To me it has significance because it is the moment in time



Peter Jackson says he and his wife have no work planned now that *The Hobbit* trilogy has wrapped. CONTRIBUTED

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where a six-film series finally comes into focus," he says. "We are only four or five years away from a generation arriving who will have no memory or knowledge of how these films were released when they came out. All they'll have is a six-part box set and hopefully they'll start at the beginning and go through to the end. To me, until this movie actually existed there

were these parts that were floating out there that can now be together."

He may be done with the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies — "I have other things I want to make. I think it would be a terrible sad thing to spend the rest of my life going back over these films and trying to make them better" — but he's not done with the cast he built

over the years.

"We've just got such a wonderful collection of actors of all different types, and we're friends now," he says.

"I would be a happy man if I could make movies for the rest of my life using the cast we've used to date. I love it when directors have relationships with the same actors in film after film. It's a fantastic thing."

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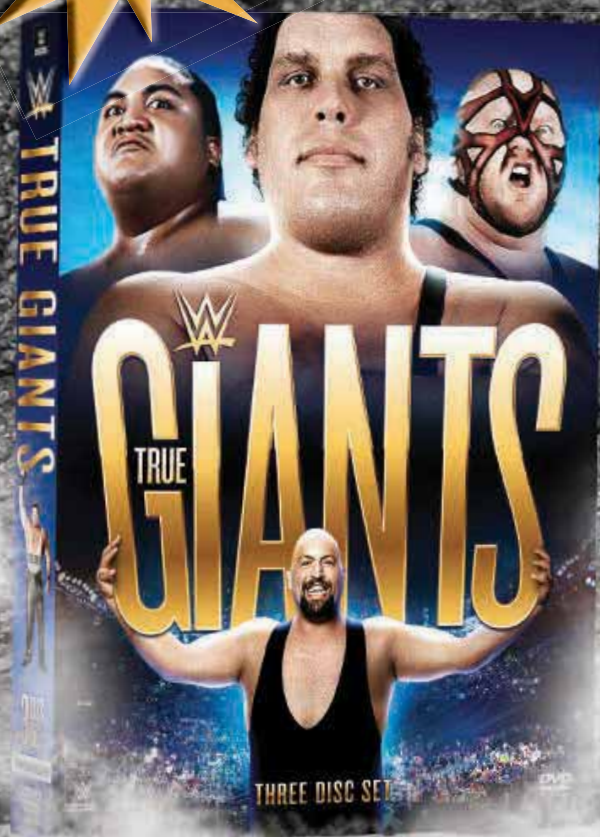
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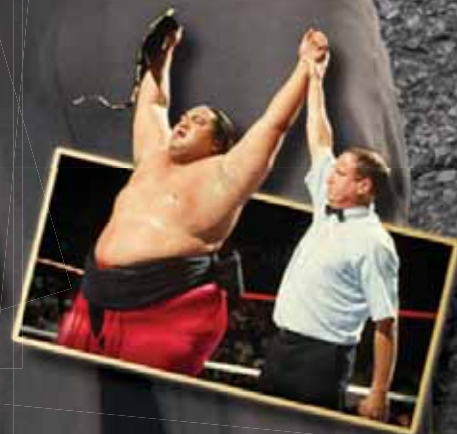
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# Alan Turing's 5 awesome things



Keira Knightley and Benedict Cumberbatch star in *The Imitation Game*, now in theatres. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**The Imitation Game.** Benedict Cumberbatch is so impressed with Second World War hero Alan Turing, he offers five reasons to watch the new biopic

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When Benedict Cumberbatch signed on to play Second World War code

breaker and computer pioneer Alan Turing in *The Imitation Game*, he became enamoured with the man. And he thinks you should be, too. So here, in his own words, is why Cumberbatch thinks Turing is such "an extraordinary human being" — and why the film chronicling his decoding of the German Enigma machine and turning the tide of war deserves attention.

**1. He made great things out of great suffering.**

"All of the worst moments in his life led to achieve-

ments," explains Cumberbatch. "Being ostracized from a group made him think about isolating work. Not understanding how to communicate because so much of what he had to deal with in his life was to do with secrets made him an expert cryptographer. The idea of clandestine, repressed coding and analyzing that language was just completely borne out of his circumstance."

**2. He's not a Sherlock knock-off.**

"Though Sherlock is an

## Analysis

### *Turing definitely a hero, says Allen Leech*

Irish actor Allen Leech first gained notoriety as upstart chauffeur Tom Branson on *Downton Abbey*. While that show has slowly crept through the first half of the 20th century, Leech is jumping forward a few years with *The Imitation Game*, starring as part of the team of mathematicians who help Alan Turing crack the Nazi Enigma machine.

Leech says he knew a bit about Turing before signing on with the film, but had no idea how much of a hero he was.

"I knew Alan Turing, I knew he'd built a machine, but I certainly didn't know the extent that he went to during the

time at Bletchley Park, how hard he had to fight for the opportunity to make this machine and how hard he'd have to fight for his own existence later on in his life.

"Turing was a war hero. His work and the work of the people at Bletchley Park ended the war two years early, with an estimated saving of 14 million lives. I mean, anyone who says that Turing isn't a war hero just has to look at that fact, and what they estimated his achievement gave the Allies, and realize how important he was. Secrets give you power. At the time during the Second World War, if you had knowledge, then you became more powerful.

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Allen Leech  
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immediate comparison, they're so different. Sherlock is a sociopathic show-off, and Alan was anything but. He was a team player despite our narrative arc in our story."

**3. He never had a chance to be comfortable with himself.**

"At university, he was in a very openly extroverted and celebratory gay culture, but he was incredibly shy because he'd spent his entire childhood loving somebody who then died. Not having it consummated or having

it reciprocated, he hadn't formed that understanding of what that was and didn't have any confidence with it. So that was almost as terrifying as complete intolerance."

**4. He was not a fan of metaphors and puns.**

"There was just enough in language that he found disturbing to what he understood of things and how language should be used — what words are literally interpretable as, rather than innuendo or inflection or irony.

"If you take the bare instructions of what words are, he was fascinated with that."

**5. He can be funny — and it's OK to laugh.**

"(The film) should be funny — and sometimes unintentionally on his part. It's him missing the point, or not missing the point, but everyone else using lazy language and him thinking they mean literally what they mean. I don't think he was always trying to be a pedant. I think he genuinely did think in a very literal way, hence his discoveries."



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### Drama



#### Exodus: Gods and Kings

Director. Ridley Scott

Stars. Christian Bale, Ben Kingsley

From acclaimed director Ridley Scott (Gladiator, Prometheus) comes the epic adventure Exodus: Gods and Kings, the story of one man's daring courage to take on the might of an empire. Using state-of-the-art visual effects and 3D immersion, Scott brings new life to the story of the defiant leader Moses (Christian Bale).

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: 🍌 45% Audience: + 96%

### Documentary



#### Citizenfour

Director. Laura Poitras

Stars. Edward Snowden

In January 2013, Poitras was several years into making a film about surveillance in the post-9/11 era when she started receiving encrypted e-mails from someone identifying himself as "citizen four," who was ready to blow the whistle on the massive covert surveillance programs run by the NSA and other intelligence agencies. The man turned out to be Edward Snowden.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score  
Critics: 🍌 96% Audience: 🍌 92%

### Western/Drama



#### The Homesman

Director. Tommy Lee Jones

Stars. Tommy Lee Jones, Hilary Swank

When three women living on the edge of the American frontier are driven mad by harsh pioneer life, the task of saving them falls to the pious, independent-minded Mary Bee Cuddy (Hilary Swank). Transporting the women by covered wagon to Iowa, she soon realizes just how daunting the journey will be, and employs a low-life drifter (Tommy Lee Jones), to join her.

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# Birdman, Boyhood have the golden touch

**Awards.** Aside from wild cards like *The Judge*, the Golden Globe noms are a pretty predictable lot

**MATT PRIGGE**  
Metro World News in New York

The Golden Globes, the Oscars' more fun, slightly more dishevelled younger sibling, rolled out their nominations for 2014. Traditionally what they pick has been a reasonably accurate prediction of what the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will themselves choose, as well as what has been feted by other laudatory organizations. And if you've been follow-

ing critics groups' awards, you already know that *Boyhood* and *Birdman* are the best horses for your betting needs.

That said, there are always some wild cards, the most glaring being the nomination for Robert Duvall for *The Judge* — a rickety, faintly offensive stab at a crowd-pleasing awards gobbler that presumably most people al-

ready forget ever existed. In a similar but different vein, Jessica Chastain racked up her token nod for the 10,000 movies she did this year, but it wasn't for *The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby*, as the Weinstein Company would have liked. Instead it's for her Brooklyn-accented work in the crime saga *A Most Violent Year*.

Julianne Moore wound up

with two nominations — one for the Alzheimer's drama *Still Alice*, another for David Cronenberg's *Hollywood satire Maps to the Stars*, the latter, which had seemed to have been lost in the shuffle.

The most curious bits involved the Globes' classification system, especially what it designates as comedy and drama. It's neat that they didn't try to elevate the very

silly *Birdman* — or the even nuttier *Inherent Vice*, which scored a single nod, for Joaquin Phoenix — to the prestigious dramatic category.

That said, is Tim Burton's *Big Eyes* really a comedy? Its tale of a woman (Amy Adams) whose paintings are stolen by her abusive husband (Christopher Waltz) is very broadly played, but is that even the same thing?

## Film nominees



Steve Carell in *Foxcatcher*.  
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- **Best picture, drama.**  
*Boyhood*;  
*Foxcatcher*;  
*The Imitation Game*;  
*Selma*;  
*The Theory of Everything*
- **Best picture, comedy or musical.**  
*Birdman*;  
*The Grand Budapest Hotel*;  
*Into the Woods*;  
*Pride*;  
*St. Vincent*
- **Best director.**  
Wes Anderson, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*;  
Ava DuVernay, *Selma*;  
David Fincher, *Gone Girl*;  
Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, *Birdman*;  
Richard Linklater, *Boyhood*;
- **Best actress, drama.**  
Jennifer Aniston, *Cake*;  
Felicity Jones, *The Theory of Everything*;  
Julianne Moore, *Still Alice*;  
Rosamund Pike, *Gone Girl*;  
Reese Witherspoon, *Wild*
- **Best actor, drama.**  
Steve Carell, *Foxcatcher*;  
Benedict Cumberbatch, *The Imitation Game*;  
Jake Gyllenhaal, *Nightcrawler*;  
David Oyelowo, *Selma*;  
Eddie Redmayne, *The Theory of Everything*

- **Best actress, comedy or musical.**  
Amy Adams, *Big Eyes*;  
Emily Blunt, *Into the Woods*;  
Helen Mirren, *The Hundred Foot Journey*;  
Julianne Moore, *Maps to the Stars*;  
Quvenzhae Wallis, *Annie*

- **Best actor, comedy or musical.**  
Ralph Fiennes, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*;  
Michael Keaton, *Birdman*;  
Bill Murray, *St. Vincent*;  
Joaquin Phoenix, *Inherent Vice*;  
Christopher Waltz, *Birdman*

The full list of nominees is available online at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).

## Television nominees

- **Drama series.**  
*The Affair*;  
*Downton Abbey*;  
*Game of Thrones*;  
*The Good Wife*;  
*House of Cards*
- **Drama, actor.**  
Clive Owen, *The Knick*;  
Liev Schreiber, *Ray Donovan*;  
Kevin Spacey, *House of Cards*;  
James Spader, *The Blacklist*;  
Dominic West, *The Affair*
- **Drama, actress.**  
Claire Danes, *Homeland*;  
Viola Davis, *How to Get Away With Murder*;  
Julianne Margulies, *The Good Wife*;  
Ruth Wilson, *The Affair*;  
Robin Wright, *House of Cards*
- **Comedy or musical series.**  
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*Jane the Virgin*;  
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## Television. Hollywood Foreign Press disses Mad Men, Modern Family

On the television side, the nominations for this year's Golden Globes has some genuine surprises, a few head-scratching snubs and some clues about how the TV landscape is continuing to shift. HBO once again dominates the networks, pulling in 15 nominations, but Showtime is closing in with nine. And the most-nominated show, *Fargo*, was on basic cable channel FX, not HBO. HBO's *True Detective*, though, ranks second with four nominations.

Aside from the attention to the fantastic *Fargo*, it's also a delight to see Jane the Virgin — especially star Gina Rodriguez — get some attention, as well as the Amazon streaming series *Transparent*. But come on, Hollywood Foreign Press Association, no recognition for *Mad Men*, which is heading into its final run of episodes and continues to be one of the best shows on television? And why does *Downton Abbey* continue to rack up nominations year

after year when its quality continues to slide? Still, it takes guts to not nominate comedy juggernaut and perennial Emmy favourite *Modern Family* for a single award, so kudos. The Golden Globes air Jan. 11, hosted by Tina Fey and (the un-nominated) Amy Poehler.

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Actors Alex Paxton-Bessley and Paul Campbell in Alex Pugsley's romantic comedy *Dirty Singles*. CONTRIBUTED

## Dirty Singles is a celebration of director's hometown

**Streaming.** Alex Pugsley gave Toronto as much of a starring role in his debut film as the ensemble cast

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Alex Pugsley almost tried to cast Rachel McAdams in his very first movie — except the young director changed his mind.

"I have a friend that's a yoga instructor of Rachel McAdams and I thought, should I pretend to be a yoga student and pass her the script?" laughed the filmmaker while discussing his new drama *Dirty Singles*.

"Then I thought it might be weird — not only because it's weird to approach her at a yoga class, but if there's one movie star and everyone else is sort of unknown, it might

### Dirty Singles by the numbers

Alex Pugsley admits his debut feature was "a big logistical challenge." Here's a look at *Dirty Singles* by the numbers:

**250**

Auditions for the movie.

**30**

Filming locations within a 200-metre radius.

make the feng shui of the movie wonky."

Wise move. Instead, *Dirty Singles* is a well-balanced movie that's reminiscent of such multi-layered rom-coms as *Love Actually* and *Crazy Stupid Love*. In the ensemble relation-

**21**

Speaking parts in the film.

**14**

Days to shoot the movie.

**9**

Hours of daylight in December, when he filmed the movie.

ship drama (available Dec. 15 on iTunes and VOD), a group of late-20-something couples struggle with their collective friendship after one pair's partnership falls apart.

"The cast is one of the strongest features of the

movie," said Pugsley of an ensemble he whittled down from about 250 auditions. "When you're making a romantic comedy, you want the actors to feel like they're really a couple because the audience will figure it out. The audience will sense immediately if people have chemistry and they would actually be married to each other."

As convincing as Pugsley intended his actors' performances to be, the TV writer-turned-director also insisted on making Toronto part of the movie — if not for the sake of simplicity (he shot it all within a 200-metre radius of one neighbourhood, after all), then for the love of his hometown.

"Toronto is used so often as a stand-in for New York or London," said Pugsley. "I thought let's see the CN Tower or the Gardiner Expressway or streetcars. I think Toronto's amazing, so let's celebrate it — I wish more things did."



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 Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-9:25 Tue 12:50-9:25  
 Citizenfour (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:05-7:15-10 Mon 4:05-7:15-10 Tue 1:15-4:05-7:15-10  
 Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:10-7:30-10:15 Mon 4:10-7:30-10:15 Tue 1:25-4:10-7:30-10:15 Wed-Thu 4:10-7:30-10:15  
 Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Thu 3:35  
 Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-6:55-10:10 Mon 6:55-10:10 Tue 12:15-6:55-10:10 Wed 6:50-10:10 Thu 6:55-10:10  
 The Hobbit Trilogy 3D (STC) Mon 12:30  
 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Wed 11:45-3 Thu 9:30-3  
 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Wed 6:30 Thu 6:30-10 Wed 1-3:30-7-10-10:30 Thu 3:30-7-10:30  
 Horrible Bosses 2 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-7-9:55 Mon 3:50-7-9:55 Tue 12:40-3:50-7-9:55 Wed-Thu 3:50-7-9:55  
 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon 3:45-6:45-9:45 Tue 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Wed-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:45  
 Interstellar (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-4-7:45 Mon 4-7:45 Tue 12:20-4-7:45 Wed 4-7:45 Thu 10:30-4-7:45  
 Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Thu 3:40-7:20  
 Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Sat 1:20-9:40 Sun 1:05-9:40 Mon 9:40 Tue 1:05-9:40 Wed 9:40 Thu 12:45-9:40  
 The Theory of Everything (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:25-6:40-9:30 Mon 3:25-6:40-9:30 Tue 12:30-3:25-6:40-9:30 Wed-Thu 3:25-6:40-9:30

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The Book of Life (G) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:20-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10  
 Dracula Untold (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45  
 Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:55-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40  
 The Equalizer (14A) Fri 6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15  
 Gone Girl (18A) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 12-3:10-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10  
 John Wick (14A) Fri 7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:25-3:05-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:40  
 The Judge (14A) Fri 6:35-9:05 Sat 12:10-3:15-6:35-9:05 Sun 12:10-3:15-6:35 Mon-Wed 6:35-9:05 Thu 6:35 Sun 9:05 Thu 9:05  
 Lingaa (STC) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 12:30-4-8 Mon-Thu 8  
 Nightcrawler (14A) Fri 6:55-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:25-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:35  
 Ouija (14A) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:35-2:45-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:35  
 Whiplash (14A) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 12:15-3-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:45 Fri 9:45

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Arthur Christmas (G) Sat 2  
 The Babadook (14A) Sat 9:30 Mon-Tue 9:30  
 Die Hard 2 (STC) Tue 7  
 Everything Will Be (STC) Sat 7  
 Horns (18A) Fri 11:30  
 Last Night (STC) Wed 9:30  
 Lingaa (STC) Sun 6  
 Listen Up Philip (STC) Fri 7 Sat 4 Mon 7 Wed 7 Thu 9:30  
 Pride (14A) Thu 7  
 Rome, Open City (PG) Sun 3:45  
 Tusk (14A) Fri 9:15 Sun 9:30

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Action Jackson (14A) Fri 6:15-9:20 Sat-Sun 3-6:15-9:20 Mon 6:15-9:20 Tue 3-6:15-9:20 Wed 6:15-9:20 Thu 6-6:15-9:30  
 Before I Go to Sleep (14A) Fri 3:30-5:40-7:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:30-5:40-7:50 Mon 3:30-5:40-7:50 Tue 1:20-3:30-5:40-7:50 Wed 3:30-5:40-7:50 Thu 4:45-6:55-9:05  
 The Best of Me (PG) Fri 4:35-7:35 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:35 Mon 4:35-7:35 Tue 1:40-4:35-7:35 Wed-Thu 4:35-7:35  
 The Boxtrolls (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15-9:20  
 The Boxtrolls 3D (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:45-7 Mon 7 Tue 1:45-7 Wed-Thu 7  
 Boyhood (14A) Fri 4:50-9 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:50-9 Mon 4:50-9 Tue 1:05-4:50-9 Wed 4:50-9 Thu 4:50-8:55  
 Chaar Sahibzaade (PG) Fri-Wed 4 Thu 4:55-7:50  
 Chaar Sahibzaade 3D (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-6:40-9:30 Mon 6:40-9:30 Tue 1:15-6:40-9:30 Wed 6:40-9:30 Thu 6  
 Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG) Fri-Thu 4-6:50  
 Dawn of the Planet of the Apes 3D (PG) Fri 9:40 Sat-Sun 1-9:40 Mon 9:40 Tue 1-9:40 Wed 9:40  
 Dolphin Tale 2 (G) Fri 4:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25 Mon 4:25 Tue 1:25-4:25 Wed 4:25  
 Guardians of the Galaxy (PG) Fri 6:35 Sat-Sun 1:20-6:35 Mon 6:35 Tue 1:20-6:35 Wed-Thu 6:35  
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 The Maze Runner (PG) Fri 4:10-6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:30-9:10 Mon 4:10-6:30-9:10 Tue 1:10-4:10-6:30-9:10 Wed-Thu 4:10-6:30-9:10  
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 This Is Where I Leave You (14A) Fri-Wed 7:10-9:45

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Annie (G) Thu 7:20-10:10  
 Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 1:50-4:30 Sat 11:40-1:50-4:30 Sun 12-1:50-4:30 Mon-Tue 1:50-4:30 Wed-Thu 1:10  
 Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:15-7:20-10:10 Wed 4:20-7:15-10 Thu 4:20-7:15-10:05  
 Corner Gas: The Movie (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-7  
 Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:50-10:30  
 Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri 2:40-6:10-9:30 Sat 11:20-2:40-6:10-9:30 Sun-Tue 2:40-6:10-9:30 Wed 6:50-10:15 Thu 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:15 Wed 1  
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 Fury (14A) Fri-Tue 7:15-10:15  
 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Wed-Thu 12-3:20-6:30  
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Wed-Thu 2:15-5-7:40-10:20  
 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 2:10-5:15-8:10 Sat 11:15-2:10-5:15-8:10 Sun 2:10-5:15-8:10 Tue 2:15-5:15-8:10 Wed 2:10-4-5:15-8:10-9:45 Thu 1-2:10-4-5:15-7-8:10-9:55  
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 Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:20-6-9:40 Sat 4:45-8:30 Sun-Tue 2:20-6-9:40 Wed 11:50-3:30-7:30 Thu 11:50-3:30  
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 Serena (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:20-6:20-8:50  
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 Gone Girl (18A) Fri 9:05 Sat-Sun 2-9:05 Mon-Thu 9:05  
 The Homesman (STC) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 1-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45  
 St. Vincent (PG) Fri-Thu 6:55

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 Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:35-7:35-10:25 Wed 1:10-3:55-10:30 Thu 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:30  
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 Fury (14A) Fri-Tue 6:50-9:55  
 The Hobbit Trilogy Triple Bill IMAX 3D (STC) Mon 4  
 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Wed-Thu 11:50-3-6:20  
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St. Vincent (PG) Fri-Sat 6:35-9:20 Sun 6:40-9:20 Mon 9:30 Tue 6:35-9:10  
Top Five (18A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-2:35-5:10-7:50-10:30 No Passes Sun 12-2:35-5:10-8-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:40-10:25

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D-Day: Normandy 1944 3D (PG) Wed 4:20  
Die Hard (14A) Fri-Sat 7  
How the Grinch Stole Christmas (G) Sun 9  
Indiana Jones and The Raiders of the Lost Ark: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri-Sat 9:30  
Island of Lemurs: Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 5:45 Sat 2:15-5:45 Sun 2:15 Tue 11-4:20 Thu 10-4:20  
Jerusalem 3D (G) Fri 2:15 Sat-Sun 12-4:35 Mon-Thu 2  
Love Actually (14A) Sun 5:45  
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (STC) Sat 7  
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Horrible Bosses 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 9  
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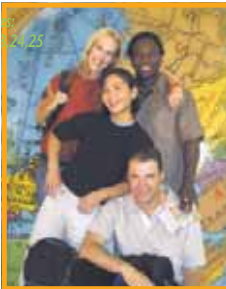
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## Fan-fickle Benedict's sex talk stirs the plots

While debating the differences between his beloved Sherlock character and the main alien on Doctor Who on Chris Hardwicke's Nerdist podcast, Benedict Cumberbatch used a few choice words sure to get the fan-fiction writers out there all hot and bothered.

"He talks fast and is clever. That is literally the only bracket they share," Cumberbatch says of the two iconic British characters. "They've got different dress senses, different taste in the sex of their partners..." And there it is.

While Cumberbatch more innocently meant that Holmes is always aided by a male Dr. Watson (except on the U.S. version, *Elementary*), Doctor Who more commonly keeps a female assistant, though not always. Still, feel free to let your imagination run away with you.



Benedict Cumberbatch

## Chris Rock frickin' loves Leo's brio

Chris Rock has been on something of a tear lately, making some pointed and perfectly worded observations about Hollywood, race issues in America and the like. But it's not all criticism for Rock. There are few things he has genuine appreciation for, like Leonardo DiCaprio's lifestyle. As Rock tells Howard Stern during an interview: "I love the guy. He enjoys himself. If he's not doing a movie, he's 40 pounds more, with a fine motherf—er. With a beard and model. F— y'all. I'm eating cheeseburgers and f—ing fine bitches." The American dream, that.



Leonardo DiCaprio

## Gossip

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### METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Johnny Depp ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

## Depp goes straight to the art of naked Duchess Kate

Things could get awkward if Prince William and Kate Middleton ever have a run-in with Johnny Depp. The Pirates of the Caribbean star splashed out more than \$100,000 for a pair of pieces by street artist Pegasus featuring a naked Middleton. One, which gained notoriety when Pegasus spray-painted it on a wall in North London,

features Kate cradling her pregnant stomach with a crown perched atop it, the logo for HBO series *Game of Thrones* stencilled underneath. Depp commissioned a second nude Middleton.

"I knew Johnny was coming and wanted the two Kate Middleton works," Pegasus' manager, Leonard Villa, tells *InTouch Weekly*.

"He was extremely charming and immediately bought the painting and put down an offer for the second one." In addition to a double dose of the naked Duchess, Depp spent another \$40,000 on a Pegasus portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, though one can only hope she's more clothed than her granddaughter-in-law.

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# Start a new tradition

**Chocolate-Coated Marshmallow Cookies.** Switch those tired gingerbreads for something more fun



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Chef Ricardo  
Ricardo Magazine

## Shortbread Cookies

1. In food processor, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add butter and pulse until mix is grainy. Add egg and vanilla. Pulse again until dough just begins to form. Shape into a disc with hands and cover

## Ingredients

### Shortbread Cookies

- 3/4 cup (105 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup (53 g) sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup (57 g) cold unsalted butter, diced
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp (2 1/2 ml) vanilla extract

### Marshmallow

- 1 tbsp powdered gelatin
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) water
- 1/2 cup (105 g) sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp (2 1/2 ml) vanilla extract

### Chocolate Coating

- 8 oz (225 g) dark chocolate, chopped



This recipe makes 30 cookies. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

2. With rack in middle position, preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

3. On floured work surface, roll out dough to about 1/8-inch (3 mm) thick. Cut 30 cookies using a 1 3/4-inch (4.5 cm) round cookie cutter. Place the cookies on the baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool.

### Marshmallow

1. In saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over water and let bloom

5 minutes. Add sugar. Melt over low heat, stirring until the sugar and gelatin have dissolved.

2. Pour into bowl. Add corn syrup and vanilla and beat with an electric mixer until soft peaks form, about 10 minutes.

3. With pastry bag fitted with a 3/4-inch (2 cm) diameter plain, and filled with marshmallow, top each cookie with dome of marshmallow. Let cool for 30 minutes at room temperature.

### Chocolate Coating

1. In a bowl in microwave, melt 5 oz (140 g) chocolate. Remove and add remaining

chocolate. Stir until smooth. If necessary, microwave for a few more seconds if chocolate does not melt. Be careful not to overheat the chocolate.

2. Dip cooled cookies, marshmallow side down, in the chocolate, flip and remove from the chocolate with a fork. Shake to remove any excess chocolate.

3. Place cookies on baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Serve at room temperature.

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## Liquid Assets

## Bringing back bubbly



**LIQUID ASSETS**  
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Today's my birthday, so I thought I'd get a jump on New Year's Eve by talking champagne this week.

Unfortunately, the popularity of high-end fizz has seen better days.

For the average consumer, the proliferation of decent sparkling wine with a Champagne sensibility (and much cheaper price) from regions around the world has all but relegated the real stuff to special occasions.

The rise of prosecco, Italy's lightly effervescent sparkler, has had the biggest impact. Recent industry reports are that prosecco has surpassed champagne sales in North America for the first time.

That said, the region of Champagne in northern France is still the benchmark when it comes to infusing booze with bubbles. Non-vintage bubbly offers the best value, with Piper-Heidsieck Brut (\$54.95 - \$64.99) showing off classic nutty/toasty aromas with an edge of bright citrus that ripples across the palate.

Fun fact: Champagne loves food, especially anything fat and salty. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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# EMBRACE WINTER'S OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

It's no secret that Canadian winters can be cold, but don't let that be an easy excuse to put your exercise routine on hold. Many of us pick the couch over the gym when swimsuit season is over, but it's important for your overall health to find ways to keep active in the winter, too.

Exercise and physical activity are essential for maintaining your overall health, and are particularly important for those

with chronic lung conditions like asthma, as they contribute to good asthma management. If you have asthma, it's equally important to take your maintenance medication as prescribed by your doctor, even when you are symptom free, in order to keep your asthma under control and avoid flare-ups.

This winter, embrace the cold and take advantage of common fun and physically

challenging seasonal activities that will exercise your body and your lungs, like:

**TOBOGGANING:** If you enjoy running stairs in the summer, this is the perfect activity for you. Trudging up a snow-covered hill with your sled is tough work, but the ride down is well worth it.

**ICE SKATING:** Skating is a great source of

cardio and works your core muscles to provide better balance as you age. It's a great couples activity, too, so why not turn off the TV and head out hand-in-hand for a few laps instead?

**SNOWSHOEING:** If you are up for a cardio challenge, snowshoeing is the way to go. The snow creates resistance, working your muscles to keep your body warm.

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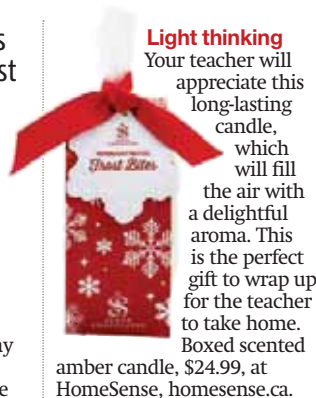
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Looking to pick up something special for your children's teacher?

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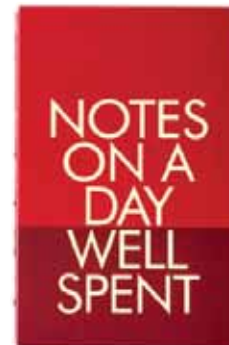
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# Gift ideas for the foodie in your life

**In the kitchen.** Go big — why not get them something that's been on their wish list for years

**RICK MCGINNIS**  
For Metro

Buying a gift for a foodie isn't terribly different from trying to find a Christmas present for your rich friend or relative — it's not what to get them, but what they don't have that's the problem.

For most foodies, eating out isn't nearly as much fun as eating in, and, as a result, their kitchens are usually stuffed to bursting with double boilers and mandolins and fish poachers.

The best option is to go big — to buy them that high-end item that's been on their wish list for years. Right now, that would probably be a sous vide. The tide has finally receded on the whole molecular gastronomy craze, but it's left behind a few vital techniques, prime among which is cooking with a sous vide — sealing meat or fish in a vacuum bag and immersing it in a bath of hot water, maintained at a constant but relatively low temperature and circulated for a long time.

The Rolls Royce of sous vide machines is the **Polyscience Professional Immersion Circulator**, which clamps on to the side of your stock pot or deep tray and maintains up to eight gallons of water at a perfectly steady temperature for hours. It's exclusive to Williams-Sonoma and sells for \$795.95 US on its website.

A more budget-oriented sous vide machine is the **Caso Sous Vide Center**, which looks like a bread maker and does the same job as the Polyscience in a smaller package tailored for family meals and not a full restaurant. It's available for as little as \$369 at cedarlaneculinary.ca, which also offers a sous vide package that includes a vacuum sealer, two rolls of vacuum bags and a cookbook for \$469.

Another thing about foodies is that they can never have too many cookbooks, and one of the bestsellers of the season is **Heritage by Sean Brock**, the Charleston, S.C.-based chef that chef and TV personality Anthony Bourdain called "one of the most important chefs in America."

Beautifully illustrated with photos of food, produce and Brock's hometown, it includes recipes for everything from Hoppin' John — that most essential of southern comfort foods — to more ambitious dishes like chilled fennel bisque with citrus-cured scallops and almond oil. (\$24 at amazon.ca.)

People have rediscovered their ovens lately as well — it must be the long winters — so your foodie friends might want to start upgrading their battered old tins and pans with something really nice, like a set of **Le Creuset bakeware**. Available in a range of colours, this revered line of French cookware brings a welcome note of Julia Child into any lab-like, stainless steel-filled modern kitchen.

Another piece of kitchenware undergoing a renaissance is the flat griddle, which requires a sympathetic cooktop and a bit of storage space, but will let you sear, sauté and fry more than one ingredient at a time. Griddles that straddle two burners on a stove are the most useful, and are made by everyone from Calphalon to Le Creuset to Lodge. **All-Clad's double-burner griddle** is nice and heavy, and available from the Bay for \$180. If you don't have a stove that happily makes space for one, All-Clad also makes a **standalone electric model with a drip pan**, \$360 at the Bay.

Finally, it's nice to have something to cook. The paleo diet has put proteins at the centre of plates, but instead of big slabs of meat, smart cooks are setting smaller cuts on top of beds of legumes to showcase two kinds of protein. U.S. food website markethallfoods.com features a fine range of dried beans, from a bag of **Rancho**

**Gordo's flageolet beans** (\$8.50 US) to **black valentine beans from Community Grains** (\$7 US) to **fine French puy lentils** (\$13 US). Stuff a few of these into stockings or a gift box with baking dishes or saucepans and point foodie friends toward the kitchen.

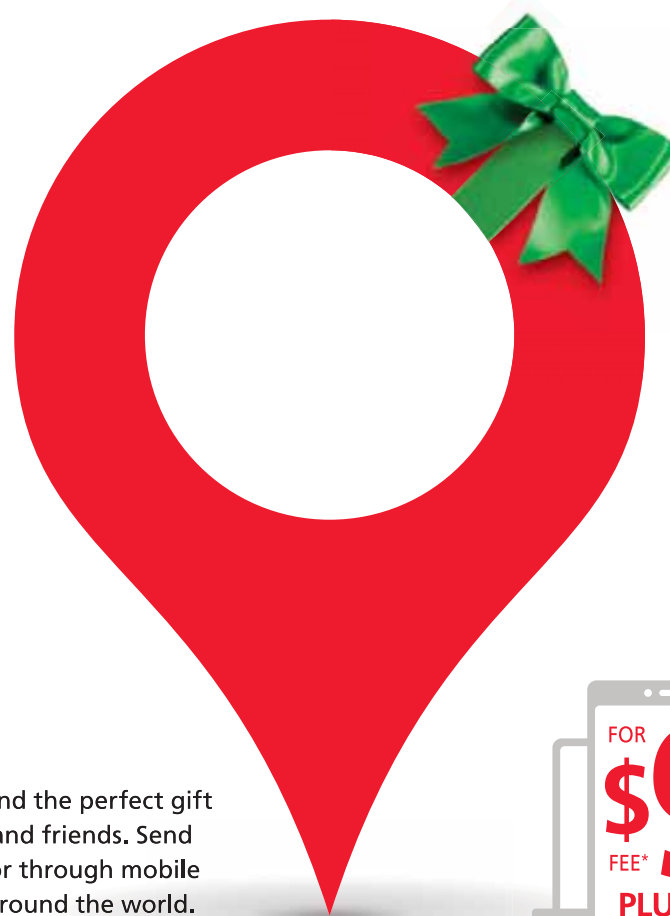


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Caso Sous Vide Center, from \$369 at Cedarlane Culinary, cedarlaneculinary.ca

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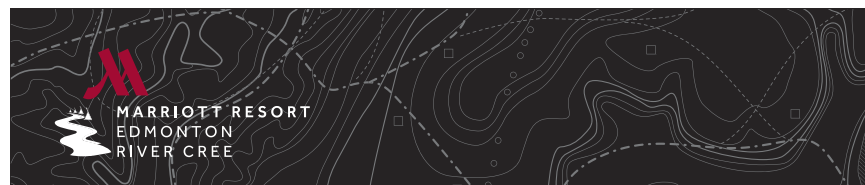
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# Apps fit for the jolly old man

**Santa's helper.** Use these tools to keep on top of things this holiday

MIKE  
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For Metro

Did you buy all your presents? Are you on budget? Do you know what you are going to cook for Christmas dinner? Prepare for the holidays with a little help from your tablet and smartphone. Here are the apps you need to make sure you stay on top of things this holiday season:

## The Christmas List, \$1.99 iOS

This app may be the only one you need to get ready for the holidays. Track the gifts you need to purchase, who they are for, and your budgets all within this one app. You can also keep track of the status



## How to Cook Everything, \$9.99 iOS

Were you strong-armed into making holiday dinner for the family. But the problem is you have never cooked a turkey before. Or a ham. Not even a chicken. Problem solved with this handy app.

of each gift, whether they are shipped, wrapped, or received. In case you are forgetful, there is even a countdown for the number of shopping days left.

## Canada Post, free iOS, Android

If you ship presents or parcels, you will find this app useful. Find a post office, learn shipping rates and track parcels leading up to the holidays. The app also lets you create customized stamps from the photos you have on your smartphone or tablet.

There are more than 2,000 recipes, plus 400 step-by-step illustrated cooking guides for making the most popular holiday dishes. If that's not enough, the built-in shopping list will ensure you aren't running to the store at the last moment because you forgot an important ingredient.

## Red Stamp, free iOS

Put some creativity on your Christmas cards this year. Upload your favourite photo, then add captions to create the perfect greeting card. Once you have finished designing your card, you can either email it to friends, or have the card professionally printed and sent out to your friends and family, all from within the app itself.

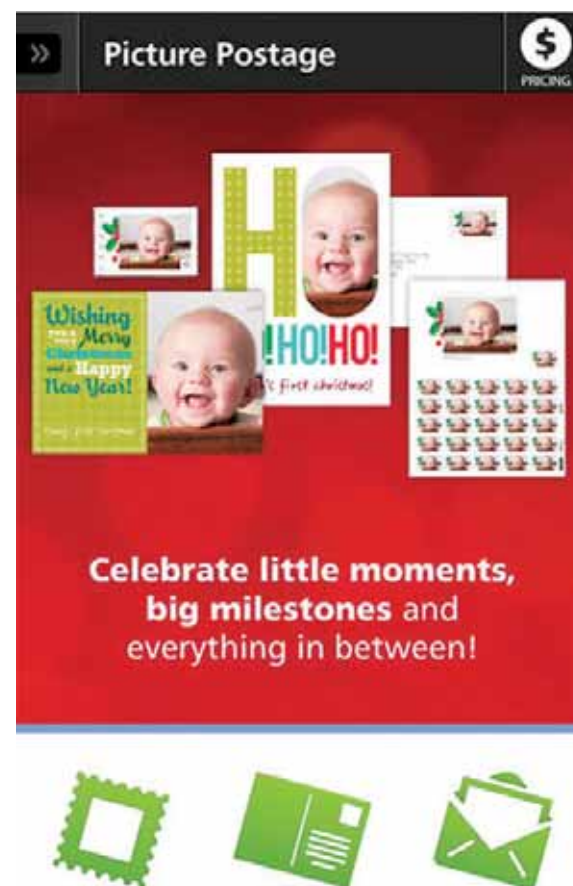
## Secret Santa Generator by gjsalot, free iOS, Android

An office tradition you either love or hate. Secret Santa gift exchanges can be a pain to set up, so why not let an app do the work for you. Select participants from your contact list on your smartphone,



then submit them to the app, which will randomly match people for the gift exchange. The app then emails everyone with the name of the person they need to buy for. This also works well for family gift exchanges.

Left to right: Secret Santa Generator; Red Stamp; Canada Post.



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A vital part of the food security network, EMOW provides independence to seniors, helping them stay in their own homes longer.

To make the holidays brighter for its clients, EMOW is reaching out to the community to achieve its holiday fundraising goal and to collect Christmas gifts for clients.

The fundraising goal is \$120,000, with all donations going towards the meal programs; covering the cost of groceries and meal preparation. EMOW prepares, packages, and delivers over 449,000 meal items per year, and donations allow for the organization to offer these meals at a subsidized rate.

Donated Christmas gifts will be delivered to clients with holiday-inspired meals. EMOW is asking the community to donate small, unwrapped items — from crossword puzzles to toiletries to winter-wear — by Dec. 19, 2014.

The gift drive ensures that even Edmonton's most isolated residents are able to celebrate the holidays.



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For a full list of Christmas gift ideas, or to learn how you can donate, visit [mealsonwheelsedmonton.org](http://mealsonwheelsedmonton.org) or call (780)-429-2020.



NFL

## Newton counts blessings after car accident

Cam Newton is not worried about when he'll return to the football field — he said he's just happy to be alive.



Cam Newton  
GETTY IMAGES

The Panthers quarterback returned to the team's facility Thursday,

two days after a two-car accident left him with two fractures in his lower back. He did not practise and his playing status will be re-evaluated next week.

"As far as when I'm coming back, who cares? I'm just thankful to have breath in my lungs," Newton said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MLB

## Marlins reel in Latos in latest deal

The Miami Marlins are serious about contending in the NL East. If signing slugger Giancarlo Stanton to a monster contract last month wasn't proof enough, a late flurry at the winter meetings sure made it clear.

Miami acquired right-hander Mat Latos from the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday morning for pitching prospect Anthony DeSclafani and minor-league catcher Chad Wallach, just a short nap after landing all-star second baseman Dee Gordon in a flashy seven-player trade with the Dodgers late Wednesday night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Marsh award goes to limit-pushing sledder

**Kaillie Humphries.** Back-to-back Olympic gold-medal winner named Canada's top athlete for 2014

Kaillie Humphries didn't have much time to celebrate.

Moments after learning she had won the 2014 Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's top athlete, the 29-year-old bobsled pilot was off to the track for her final practice session ahead of this weekend's season-opening World Cup race.

"Trying to be focused on both of these runs today was probably one of my biggest challenges I've had so far this year," Humphries said Thursday from Lake Placid, N.Y. "It's such an amazing honour and I'm so, so excited to be amongst sport royalty."

The first bobsledder to win the Lou Marsh Trophy, Humphries became the first female in her sport to win back-to-back Olympic gold when she captured her second title in Sochi.

Humphries also carried Canada's flag along with brakewoman Heather Moyse into the closing ceremonies in Russia.

"Most of the time you see hockey or football, you see a lot of the top sports (win the award)," said Humphries, who also won her second World Cup title in 2014. "So to be the one to represent a not-as-popular sport is a pretty big honour."

Women's tennis player Eugenie Bouchard, men's ten-



Kaillie Humphries and brakewoman Heather Moyse won their second bobsled gold medal as a team in Sochi.

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### New frontier

Humphries, who grew up as a competitive skier, but switched sports after breaking a leg in two separate accidents, continues to push the boundaries of bobsledding.

- She has long lobbied for the chance to race against men, and the International Bobsled and Skeleton Federation decided this year to make the four-man event gender neutral.

nis player Milos Raonic, Los Angeles Kings defenceman Drew Doughty and lacrosse star Johnny Powless were the other finalists. Calgary Stampers running back Jon Cornish won the award last year.

Along with her two Olymp-

pic gold medals, Humphries has captured 28 World Cup medals and seven world championship medals.

Despite that long list of accomplishments, Humphries said she was surprised to win the trophy, that is named

after a former Toronto Star sports editor and awarded annually to Canada's top athlete as selected by representatives of the country's top news organizations.

"When you hear the list of athletes that have won it previously you've got (Sidney) Crosby, you've got (Wayne) Gretzky, you've got Donovan Bailey — the list goes on and on," said Humphries. "When I think of myself as an athlete, sometimes it's hard to put myself in the same category as the athletes I've grown up watching or knowing about."

"It's shocking for me."

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## NHL

## Blackhawks beat Bruins but lose Toews to injury

The Boston Bruins got their captain back on the ice for the first time in seven weeks.

The Chicago Blackhawks lost theirs, and they hope he won't be gone much at all.

The Blackhawks beat the Bruins 3-2 on Thursday night

for their eighth consecutive victory, a win that was tempered by the loss of forward Jonathan Toews. Chicago's captain and No. 2 scorer left the game after Dennis Seidenberg came up behind him, hit him on the back of the shoulder and sent him face-first into the boards in the second period. "He seemed all right. We'll see how he is tomorrow, but it looks like he's going to be all right," Blackhawks

coach Joel Quenneville said.

Seidenberg said he was aiming for the shoulder and had no intent to injure Toews, who was the MVP of the 2010 Stanley Cup playoffs. A two-time Olympic gold medallist and two-time NHL champion, Toews has 11 goals and 12 assists in 28 games so far this season. "It was unfortunate how he went into the boards," said Seidenberg.

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Connor McDavid, who broke a bone in his right hand, says he hopes to get into an exhibition game for Canada before the world junior championships. DENIS PAJOT/GETTY IMAGES

## McDavid optimistic ahead of world juniors

**In non-contact training.** Star forward has his arm cast off and aims to play an exhibition match prior to the tournament

Star forward Connor McDavid's cast is off, he has clearance for non-contact drills and is confident he'll be ready to play in the upcoming world junior hockey championship.

Now it's just a matter of seeing how things go at the Canadian team's pre-tournament camp. McDavid hasn't played in a game since breaking a bone in his right hand on Nov. 12. The Erie Otters forward has been skating regular-

ly but his cast wasn't removed until this week. The junior phenom will be examined by doctors on a regular basis and the team says they're taking things day by day. But the goal is to get McDavid into at least one exhibition game before the tournament opener on Dec. 26.

"I can take full slapshots and all that, so the hand feels good," McDavid said. "The wrist is not too stiff at all. So it should be all good."

Thirty players have been invited to camp, which started with a Thursday evening practice in Toronto. A total of 22 players will make the final team. The 17-year-old McDavid, who has 51 points in 18 games this season, is an early favourite to be selected first overall in the 2015 NHL

### Quoted

"I can take full slapshots and all that, so the hand feels good."

Erie Otters forward Connor McDavid

Entry Draft. His presence would provide a big boost to a squad that hasn't won gold in five years.

Head coach Benoit Groulx said it would be nice to get McDavid into an exhibition game, but it's most important to have him for competition.

"We will follow what the doctor says," he said. "But right now there's no rush. We're happy to have him here and we'll see how it plays out." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

## ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

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## ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you want to get ahead be less thin-skinned. The kind of people who can make things happen for you are not the kind of people who worry about whose egos they might bruise.

## ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may feel worn out after the excitement of the past few days but don't switch off because there are still important things that need to be done.

## ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Sometimes you can be too trusting and the planets warn if you believe what a colleague tells today it will cost you. Either they're deceiving you or someone is deceiving you both.

## ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Use your time and energy wisely today. It does not matter how much work you have to get through before the weekend. Get it right the first time.

## ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Yes, there are things going on behind the scenes that you know little about. According to the planets you have nothing to fear and lots to look forward to.

## ♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you find it hard to make up your mind today, ask someone you trust. Even if you disagree with them and do the exact opposite of what they suggest you'll still be doing something.

## ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to tie up a number of loose ends today if you are to get the full benefit of what occurs over the weekend.

## ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There may be times when you think that your lucky streak has come to an end but it's not over yet. The only thing that might hold you back is if you allow negative thoughts to take root.

## ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be conservative but that does not mean you cannot change your ways and if you feel that a change is necessary you must make it immediately.

## ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will hear something to your advantage today but because you were not supposed to know you may be reluctant to make use of it. If others were stupid enough to let it slip that's their problem, not yours.

## ♓ Pisces

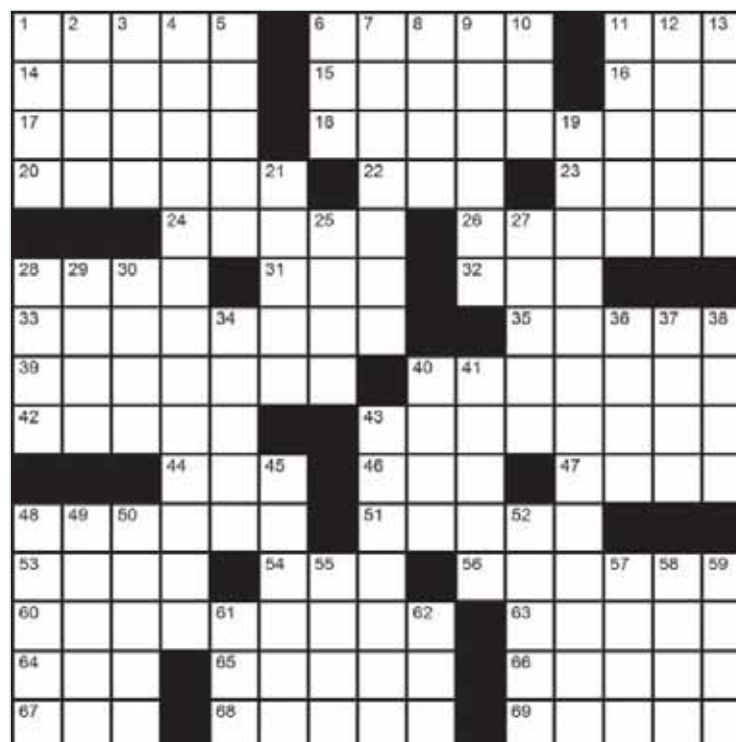
Feb. 20 - March 20

You don't have to pretend that a task comes easy to you when it is a struggle. No one expects you to get it right the first time. Do your best and be pleased.

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

## Across

1. Splash  
6. Tolerate  
11. Comedian Louis, et al.  
14. Jeweller's eye piece  
15. Discourage  
16. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]  
17. Eight-based  
18. "First Blood" (1982) role: 2 wds.  
20. Sarajevo's locale  
22. Hot drink  
23. Scornful look  
24. "A merry heart \_\_\_ good like a medicine..." - Proverbs  
26. Bequest  
28. Pet shelter gr.  
31. Old French coin  
32. Swearing-in words  
33. Inuit sled  
35. Harry Potter: Severus' surname  
39. Nut kind  
40. Lawn sport  
42. Judge's gig  
43. Frank Zappa's actress/writer daughter: 2 wds.  
44. Mr. Bean, et al.  
46. Swerve  
47. "\_\_\_ Wonderful Life" (1946)  
48. Gutsy  
51. Harsh  
53. Succulent plant  
54. Dunk  
56. Celebrity chef  
57. Nigella  
60. Town in Fraser Canyon in British Col-



umbia; or, Cheers of "Cheers": 2 wds.

63. Crooner Pat  
64. Fair-hiring letters  
65. Apply another cold pack  
66. Ontario: \_\_\_ Peninsula  
67. '70s records  
68. "Two If \_\_\_"

(1996)  
69. Stagnates

- Down**  
1. Neatnik opposite  
2. Little Eva's "The \_\_\_-Motion"  
3. Loopholes  
4. Soul Boys of the Western World is the name of the new

documentary film, as well as upcoming 2015 tour, of this British band: 2 wds.  
5. Racecar driver Mr. Castroneves  
6. Li'l modifier  
7. Extinct culture of Newfoundland  
8. \_\_\_ Jury (Mickey

Spillane novel)  
9. 2015 Yukon \_\_\_ (GMC vehicle)  
10. Bungle  
11. "Along \_\_\_ Spider" (2001)  
12. 'Quebec' part of Quebec City as it was known  
13. Written work

19. The variant spelling for #12-Down's answer is an \_\_\_ meaning 'narrowing of the river'  
21. Pantheon of Norse gods  
25. "Hop \_\_\_!" (Move!)  
27. Alberta town  
28. House size meas.: 2 wds.  
29. Match  
30. Gladiator's 951  
34. Recounts  
36. Family member  
37. Shar-\_\_\_ (Some dogs)  
38. Singer Ms. James  
40. Wintertime garment  
41. Spur's small spiked wheel  
43. Social networking site  
45. Locale on Cape Breton Island  
48. Matte \_\_\_ (Toronto-born television host)  
49. "That threw me for \_\_\_!"  
50. Doesn't win  
52. Synagogue spiritual leader  
55. Wading bird  
57. Psyche  
58. Formerly  
59. Social pages words  
61. Sphere  
62. Actor Stephen

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Online

See today's answers at  
metronews.ca/answers



## Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

4	1	9	6	3	2	7	8	5
6	3	5	7	8	1	9	4	2
8	2	7	4	9	5	3	6	1
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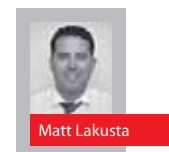
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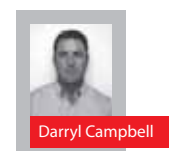
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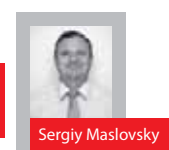
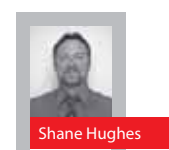
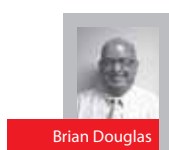
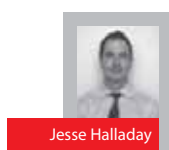
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